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Ibrahim Al-Angari, according to the Philippines Embassy in Jeddah. — Page 2 5 Mozambicans to die Five Mozambicans have been sentenced to death and a British citizen to 20 years in jail for having links with a South African-backed rebellion against the Mozambican government. — Page 5

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Lebanese kids in U.S. The first batch of Lebanese children in need of specialized treatment for the injuries suffered by them because of Israeli brutalities have arrived in U.S. — Page 9

U.S. policy President Ronald Reagan's administration is discussing with members of Congress a new plan to subsidize the sale of U.S. goods abroad by a partial tax exemption, Trade Representative William E. Brock says. — Page 10

Bulls avenge defeat The Chicago Bulls avenged their earlier defeat at the hands of Denver Nuggets in a hot-shooting match of the National Basketball Association. Orlando Woolridge, Reggie Theus and David Greenwood combined to offset Kiki Vandeweghe and Alex English's efforts. — Page 13

Viet withdrawal Leaders of Vietnam, Cambodia and Lace amounce an annual partial withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia if security conditions allowed. —

U.S. rules out M.E. policy change

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AFP) - The White House, responding to criticism from Congress, maintained late Tuesday that President Ronald Reagan had not changed his Middle East policy despite his announcement that Washington would guarantee the sec-

In a speech here earlier to the American Legion, Reagan said the United States was "prepared to take all necessary measures to guarantee the security of Israel's northern

borders." Senator Charles Percy; head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said after a White House meeting later that he had asked for "a clarification" and had been told by a national security council official there was "no change" in policy.

However" I interpret this as something of a change," Sen. Percy said, adding that he believed Reagan was trying to speed up fore-ign troop withdrawal from Lebanon by saying "we will assume a role" in keeping Israeli borders secure.

Congressional circles are worried that U.S. troops might be sent to southern Lebanon for In his speech Reagan did not specify what

measures he envisioned to keep the borders

Gulf producers strike accord to cut oil prices! By S. Sidalaned Riyadh Bureau

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RIYADH, Feb. 23 - Four oil Gulf states and Iraq have reached an agreement here Wednesday to cut their oil prices and call for an emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) next week to be held in Vienna or Geneva. Though no figures were released on the volume of the proposed cut, the Iraqi Oil Minister Gassim Taqi told Arab News that he

believes the new price will be in the range of

\$30 a barrel. After meeting for more than three hours here Wednesday morning, Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the Kingdom's petroleum minister said, "in principle there will be a reduction (in price)." He said that the group, which comprises the Kingdom, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar, have reached an agreement, "which will be spelled out according to circumstances. If this happens, we'll do that, otherwise we'll do this."

Dr. Mana Said Al-Oteiba, oil minister of the UAE, said if the proposed OPEC meeting fails to reach an agreement on the price cut," then the Gulf producers will reduce their prices more than we are prepared to do just now." Oteiba and other ministers refused to comment on whether this means a threat of a price war. But Taqi made it clear to Arab News that the failure will make it inevit-

protect their interests. Taqi revealed that Nigeria, which breached OPEC, official price last week, has been contacted and has agreed to attend the proposed consultative meeting.

The consultations which started here Tuesday between the Gulf states were expanded significantly when the Iraqi Oil Minister Taqi arrived to attend the morning session Wednesday. What is more important. the Libyan Oil Minister Kamal Hassan Al-Maghour arrived too in the afternoon. Conference sources told Arab News that Maghour is expected to represent the Algerian and Iranian viewpoints since he was meeting with their oil ministers in Geneva recently. This view was supported by Yamani's statement that Oteiba and the Qatari Oil Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Khalifa were leaving before the arrival of their Libyan counterpart, for they will be represented by Yamani himself. Later, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah left in the evening leaving Taqi to participate in the negotiations. which will receive a new participant with the expected arrival of the Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti here Thursday. Yamani said that he had contacted Dr. Subroto of Indonesia "who is in full agreement with me.'

Before the start of the meeting, Yamani made it clear that the conferences were look-(Continued on back page)

were also selling gold as the price fell below

levels they were willing or able to support.

helped by a feeling that it was a currency of

refuge given uncertainty over the effects of an

Gold, normally a haven for investors in times of political or financial trouble, had

risen after the failure of OPEC members in

January to reach agreement on price and

Dealers said, however, that investors

appeared to feel the benefits of an oil price

for 2½ years as a lowly 60 pounds (\$ 91.20)-a-week stores officer.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP) — Two Royal Air Force jet fighters collided in flight over an

open field Wednesday, killing two of the three crewmen aboard, the Defense Ministry

said. The two Harrier jets crashed while fly-

ing at between 1,800 and 2,500 meters, about

6.4 kilometers north of Peterborough, a city

in central England, the ministry said.

Harrier jets collide

anticipated cut in oil prices.

production policies for their oil.

Money dealers said the dollar was being

Gold prices take a tumble

LONDON, Feb. 23 (R) - Gold prices fell nearly \$20 in Europe again Wednesday while investors bought dollars as a safety measure in the face of uncertainty over anticipated oil price cuts, dealers said.

Gold, which recently traded at a two-year high of over \$500 an ounce, was fixed at \$470,25 in both London and Zurich Wednesday afternoon after trading earlier at \$468. It closed Tuesday at \$488.50 an ounce and has now slid nearly \$40 in two days.

Dealers said the stronger dollar and expectations that lower oil prices would reduce inflation and boost the U.S. economy helped to push gold down. They said speculators

the world economy outweighed the (Continued on back page) Elizabeth suing paper for damages

quoted in The Sun 's rival The Deily Mail as LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP) - Sick of intrusaying damages could be "sky high." sion into her family's private life, Queen Kenny left Buckingham Palace three Elizabeth II is suing Britain's biggest selling weeks ago after working in the royal kitchens

newspaper and an ex-palace worker in a war on Fleet Street scandalmongers. The Law Society said Tuesday night that the high court writ issued that day by the queen's lawyer Robert Clinton against The Sam and 20-year-old Kieran Kenny who sold the tabloid tidbits about Prince Andrew and

Koo Stark is unique. "We cannot recall a case of any monarch ever suing for damages from a newspaper," said society official Nicola Watkins.

Clinton told reporters: "I cannot give a figure for the amount of damages we are seeking." But Miss Watkins said they could be "very high" while another lawyer was

PNC adopts plan to resolve Mideast problem peacefully

SIXTEEN PAGES

ALGIERS, Feb. 23 (AP) - For the first time in the 40-year history of the Palestine Liberation movement, its highest political authority has formally adopted a plan for a peaceful solution of the Middle East conflict - including possible mutual recognition with

The Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament in exile. gave Yasser Arafat his way and endorsed the principle of a peaceful settlement although hardliners fought bitterly to block it.

The 400-member council's compromise policy statement, unanimously approved following nine days of backstage wrangling, put the PLO on record as seeking peace in accordance with a plan approved by Arab leaders - including Arafat - in Fez, last September.

The policy statement included pledges to resume the military struggle and to restore the "military balance of power" with Israel.

Arafat emerged from the session with his prestige and influence enhanced by significant victories over his hardline opponents who urged rejection of any move toward a peace settlement implying Palestinian acceptance of the permanent existence of the state of

The council's moderate platform also allowed Arafat to give Jordan's King Hussein a discreet and unpublicized go-ahead for opening exploratory peace talks with the Israelis.

Some PNC delegates dubbed the session the "laam meeting" - a blend of the Arabic words for "no" (la) and "yes" (nam).

President Reagan's peace initiative, which raised the prospect of Hussein's talks with the Israelis, called for Palestinian "selfgovernment" in association with Jordan. The PNC's comment on the Reagan plan was carefully worded to denote neither acceptance nor

It said the council "does not consider the Reagan plan as a sound basis for a just and lasting solution to the Palestinian problem and the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Yet both moderates and hardliners said the Reagan plan - which Israel had rejected — would be acceptable to the PLO if it included a provision for "self-determination" by the Palestinian population. expression to their plan," said Bassam Abu Sharif, spokesman for the Moscow-influenced Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

Arafat's right-hand man, Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf), expressed the same view, and said the PLO leadership was prepared to make 'considerable concessions' for the sake of peace following its expulsion from Beirut and the dispersal of its forces across the Arab world. 'If the Americans do not accept this, it would simply demonstrate

their hostility to the Palestinian people," Khalaf told reporters.

The Reagan plan gave the Soviet Union no role in the Mideast peace process. The PNC endorsed the Fez plan, envisaging mutual recognition and coexistence between Israel and the Arab world, as the "minimum level for Arab

political action.' But it added that any initiative under the Fez plan should be "complemented by military action in order

to change the military balance of power in favor of the Palestinian struggle and Palestinian rights."

Arafat managed to persuade the PNC to accept a perpetuation of the "special relationship" with Jordan culminating in a confederation following Palesti-Without giving Hussein any explicit mandate to

negotiate, this formula was seen as a tacit green light for non-PLO Palestinian personalities, who may be acceptable to the Israelis, to join Hussein's future peace delegation. The Israelis and the Americans refuse to negotiate with the PLO until it explicitly recognizes

"We will continue to coordinate our policy with Jordan," said Khalil Wazir, second to Arafat in the PLO military hierarchy, "A joint Jordanian-Palestinian supreme committee will meet regularly and coordinate action on all fronts."

Arafat also succeeded in obtaining an authorization from the PNC to pursue his contacts with the Egyptian government of President Hosni Mubarak and with "progressive Israelis." The hardliners had insisted on a total rupture with all Israeli citizens, even those who favor an independent Palestinian state.

68 more killed in Assam riots

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (AP) - Government employees reported to work Wednesday for the first time since anti-election carnage ruptured Assam three weeks ago, but delayed reports of 68 more deaths in the remote state pushed the official toll past 1.245 fatalities. Indian army troops were rushed into two areas of northern Darrang district to quell Hindu-Muslim (Related story on page 16)

With counting from the three rounds of last week's sparsely attended voting continuing Wednesday, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party was winning easily as expected. Congress candidates had captured 77 seats in the 126-member state assembly, with seven others going to independents and five to minor parties.

The Congress victory was virtually assured by the local Assamese boycott and a sympathy boycott by the major opposition par-

The Congress also won both parlaimentary races decided so far. Twelve seats in the national legislature were to be filled, but election violence prevented voting in seven districts as it did in 18 legislative assembly constituences. Election officers said the seats would remain vacant "indefinitely".

Karachi mob teargassed Shiia homes in several areas of west Karachi

KARACHI, Feb. 23 (R) - Police fired tear gas Wednesday on several hundred demonstrators during brief relaxation of a curfew imposed on west Karachi to end communal violence, witnesses reported. They said the tear-gas barrage was fired when Sunnis tried to attack a Shiia place of worship which was guarded by armed police.

West Karachi, where about one-quarter of the city's five million people live in Pakistan's largest city, has been hit since Sunday by communal violence caused by a dispute between Sunnis and Shiias over ownership of a

Pakistan's military authorities imposed a curfew and ordered troops into the area Tuesday night to try to end disturbances in which at least six persons were killed, 42 injured and cars and shops burned and looted.

The witnesses said the latest trouble broke out when people were allowed out of their homes from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to buy food. Small groups of demonstrators also stoned

during the curfew relaxation, they said. But they said the protesters did not con-

front troops patrolling in the port city's narrow streets, confining their targets to the police and Shiia residents. The curfew, which the authorities said would remain in force until law and order was

restored in west Karachi, caused many people to stay away from work and Karachi's normally bustling streets were quiet. Sunni leaders appealed to President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq to visit the area and

hear their grievances against what they described as police excesses. They also demanded that police release

several hundred of their followers arrested during the riots, when cars and shops were burned and looted and policemen were pelted with stones.

And they wanted Iran's consul in Karachi expelled for allegedly taking the side of the Shiias in the mosque dispute. Shiias are a majority in Iran but a minority in Pakistan.

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Hijackers free hostages, surrender VALLETTA, Malta, Feb. 23 (AP) -Three Libyan hijackers who seized a Libyan jetliner ended their three-day siege Wednesday, releasing all 161 passengers and crew

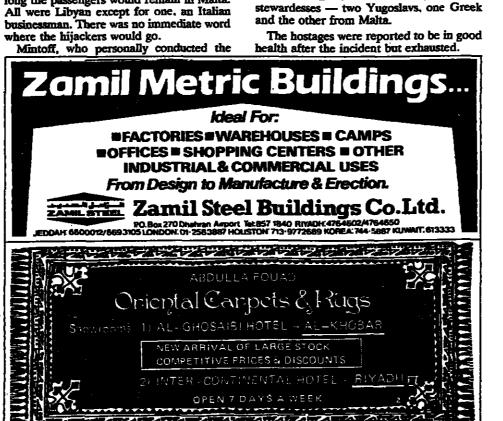
and surrendering to authorities. Hundreds of bystanders watching the drama through the chain link fence surrounding the airport applauded and whistled as the passengers and crew of the Libyan Arab Air-ines plane disembarked. All three hijackers came out unarmed and were taken to the control tower.

Prime Minister Dom Mintoff greeted the released hostages and met with them in the airport. It was not immediately clear how long the passengers would remain in Malta. where the hijackers would go.

negotiations, assured the hijackers he would not send them back to Libya and told them they would not be prosecuted and could go to whatever country they chose.

The three hijackers thanked Mintoff for his "kind and patient" effort throughout the long negotiations. They originally said they wanted to go to Morocco, but the government in Rabat had refused to accept them saying it did not want to encourage air piracy.

There were 154 passengers on the plane, including 132 men, 12 women, two of whom were pregnant, six children younger than 12 years of age and four other older children. The crew included three men, and four stewardesses — two Yugoslavs, one Greek and the other from Malta.





Philippines minister arrives today Labor, employment matters top agenda

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — Philippines Minister of Labor and Employment Blas F. Ople is due to visit the Kingdom Thursday at the invitation of Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ibrahim Al-Angari, according to the Philippines Embassy here. Minister Ople will be heading a delegation to discuss labor and employment matters of mutual interest to the two countries. Ople's visit will continue until

The size of the delegation relfects the importance the Philippines government attaches to its relations with the Kingdom. The delegation will convey the government's desire to give Muslim Filipinos more opportunities in manpower training and employment, specially in the holy cities of Makkah



Blas Ople

The delegation will also explore ways and means of enhancing the participation of the Filipino work force in the Kingdom's development projects. The Filipino work force in the Kingdom is estimated at

The Filipino minister will meet with Minister Al-Angari and seek an audience with Minister of Interior Prince Naif. He will visit technical schools and hospitals and meet with businessmen and companies interested in ioint ventures.

Last year's earnings put at SR352m

SAMBA's profits up by 26%

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 23 - Saudi American Bank (SAMBA) made a net profit of SR352.6 million in 1982, a 26 percent increase over 1981's earnings of SR280.2 million, according to Ken Campbell, public affairs director.

Total assets of SAMBA increased 44 percent to SR10.9 billion and total contra accounts increased 38 percent to SR10.1 billion. Total shareholders' funds, net of the 1982 dividend, were SR884.3 million, 48 percent more than in 1981. SAMBA has proposed a net cash dividend of SR20 per share SR5 more than in 1981, to all Saudi

SAMBA's loans and advances increased by 28 percent during the year to SR5.2 billion and deposits went up by 63 percent to SR8.9

The return on assets was 3.2 percent during the year down from 3.7 percent in 1981. Return on shareholders' equity was 40 percent, down from 46 percent in 1981. This, according to him, reflects declining margins and SAMBA's larger capital base.

Commenting on the results. Managing Director Robert D. Botjer said that 1982 was a very satisfactory year during which the bank expanded rapidly. "We experienced excellent growth, not just in financial terms but also in our business activities," he said.

By the end of 1982, he said, SAMBA had more than 43,000 personal and small business acounts in the Kingdom besides larger corporate customers. This is 85 percent increase over the 1981 figure. SAMBA now has a network of 17 branches serving a wide range of corporate and personal customers in Riyadh, Alkhobar, Dammam, Hofuf, Oneizah, Jeddah, Abha and Khamis

He said that SAMBA actively got involved in crop finance in 1982 and also opened a new training facility in Riyadh, the Center of Banking and Finance to give specialized courses in banking and related management skills to SAMBA staff as well as to the customer companies and government organizations. The training center will offer 93 different courses in 1983.

SAMBA also extended its electronic banking service to more than 40 corporate customers who are now able to transact a large proportion of their banking business by using computer terminals in their own offices.

SAMBA staff has increased from 984 to 1.168 in 1982 mainly reflecting the branch expansion program last year. The 1982 results of SAMBA will be presented to the shareholders at a general meeting March 21 at the Riyadh Palace Hotel here.

GCC stresses sports activities

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) - Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) youth and sports ministers, in a final communique issued here Wednesday stressed that sports and youth activities were only a means to achieve the lofty aims of creating a good citizen.

The communique, issued following a twoday conference, said the various activities should also help bring about a better future sought by the GCC for people in the region. It underlined the importance of the information media and those in charge of sports affairs in promotion educational and moral values sought by the GCC.

The ministers concluded their deliberations at midday after being addressed by some participants.

Oman's Minister of Education Yehya Mahfouz Al-Mun ziri praised achievements made by the GCC and described resolutions adopted by the conference as objective and designed to realize the aspirations of the Gulf's youth.

He said Sultan Qabous ibn Said of Oman had ordered that 1983 be the year of Omani youth and invited GCC member states to join in his country's celebrations and programs for

GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara praised the delegation's "positive participation" and the results achieved by the first



Fahd appeals for aid to quake victims

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) - King Fahd called upon all financially able nations. national and international firms and the Yemeni community in Saudi Arabia to rush to the rescue of their brothers, the victims of the recent earthquakes in North Yemen, and try to alleviate their suffering in the ordeal they are passing through.

The king, said, no doubt brother citizens and Yemenis residing in Saudi Arabia have seen the Saudi Arabian television feature on North Yemen in which a Yemeni delegation spoke about the earthouake that struck parts of that country, especially the Dhamar region.

The team spoke of the heavy toll in lives and the tremendous loss of property. Dhamar was entirely destroyed, so much so that it had become necessary to reconstruct it along modern lines.

" Saudi Arabia gave all that it could in the first hours that followed the tragedy, but the reconstruction will require more assistance from all quarters and various sources, " King Fahd pointed out. For this reason, he added, I urge all able persons, national and international firms and the Yemeni community to rush to the rescue of their brothers.



Aba Al-Khail leads team for Tunis meeting

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail has left here for Tunisia leading the Kingdom's delegation to the 34th session of the Arab Economic Council scheduled to start in Tunis Thursday.

The two-day meeting will discuss proposed joint Arab projects and the role of specialized Arab organizations to implement these ventures in line with a unified Arab strategy.

At its meeting in Kuwait last January the specialized Arab organizations had recommended encouraging joint Arab ventures and urged Arab financial bodies to extend more funds to joint Arab schemes particularly in the field of food security.

The Arab League assistant secreta general for economic affairs, Dr. Abdul-Mohsen Zalzalah, has stressed the importance of the council's meeting. In an interview with Al-Madinah newspaper, Zalzalah said a working paper to be submitted to the meeting would include models of projects proposed by specialized Arab organizations and the Arab fund.

New BMW saloon car introduced

By Suresh Shah Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 - BMW, one of the most successful automobile manufacturers. presented its new sports saloon cars at a Saudi Arabian E30 launch organized at Albilad Hotel in Jeddah on Wednesday.

"The 3 series is the most successful of all BMW automobiles and some 1.3 million cars in this series have been produced since 1975," Akram Miknas, a BMW spokesman and chief executive of Promoseven, said at a press conference.

The Munich-based BMW began manufacturing aeroplane engines before World War I, and thereafter started making motorcycles. Governments in 126 countries are today using BMW motorcycles for their police. BMW started manufacturing small and attractive cars since 1966 and the recent daily production is put at 800 cars. The mid-term goal of the new series is approximately 1.200 cars per day, Miknas said.

BMW's sole distributor and agent in the Kingdom Alhuseini Corporation's Western Region General Manager Karl Tippner said his company had sold more than 3,000 BMW cars in the last three years, opened a branch in the Eastern Region last month, and one more branch will be opened in Riyadh in May to meet the fast expanding demand from differ-

The new series fulfills some of the buyers' wishes which were not met by the previous 3 series models, such as injection power plant, motoring comfort accompanied by improved economy, an enhanced interior and sporty, driving pleasure combined with lower fuel

consumption.

The BMW offers improved seating and ease of getting into the two-door model now and a four-door model from September onward. It has service interval indicator and most modern fuel injection in the 6-cylinder models starting with 320i.

Miknas said the concept behind the new series was to create a sporty, youthful automobile that offers excellent driving performance without sacrificing any of the present good features, such as reliability, comfort. practicality and economy.

"In order to unite these increasingly conflicting aims it was necessary to renew or rework every component. The bodywork was completely redesigned to reduce drag while retaining BMW's typical traditional appearance," Miknas explained.

The front seats in the new series can easily be adjusted to the optimal sitting position and it tips forward to leave ample room for passengers to climb into the rear seat. The service interval indicator and precise fuel consumption gauge have greatly contributed toward improving economy, he added.

Other major features in the new series include check control unit to enhance safety; the car has been made 40 kilograms lighter to allow for more payload, and ensure better

Somali minister visits Riyadh training center

RIYADH. Feb. 23 (SPA) — Somali Labor and Social Affairs Minister Abdi Warsama Isaak visited a documentary center and vocational training institute here Wednesday.

Issak arrived here Tuesday night for a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia as part of visits exchanged by the two countries' officials.

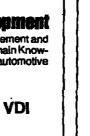


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PRESS CONFERENCE: A press conference was held in Jeddali on Wednesday to betro duce the new BMW sparse seloon cars. Seen here addressing the conference are, from left, Service Manager Terry Gotts; Eastern Region General Manager Servat Risk; Central Region General Manager John McNamar; Promoseven Chief Executive Akram Mikhas; Western Region General Manager Karl Tippner; Sales Manager Rashid Ahmeir and General Manager Haused Rauf.



BMW CARS: New sports saloon BMW cars were prescribed at a launching ceremony in Jeddah on Wednesday. Picture shows some of the i

Farsi chairs meeting on traffic opening of new streets to ease congestion

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 - Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi Wednesday morning presided over a meeting of the Higher Coordination Committee at The Jeddah Traffic Department. It was the first meeting he attended since his return from heart surgery in the United States.

During the meeting officials discussed cooperation between the municipality and the Traffic Department. Discussions also covered the traffic flow in all streets of Jeddah. Other rissues discussed included the

panages and follow-up department and public grantenance department at the municipality ster met at the offices of the Traffic Department to coordinate cooperation. Farsi also progred for offices for the Traffic Department at the sub-municipalities to reduce questing.

Talel in Dilbouti DJIBOUTI. (SPA) - Prince Talal ibn

Abdul Aziz, special envoy of the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and head of the Arab Gulf Fund, arrived here Wednesday on the first leg of a four-day tour which will also take him to Somalia. He will be briefed on the progress of UNICEF's mother and child health and social welfare projects.

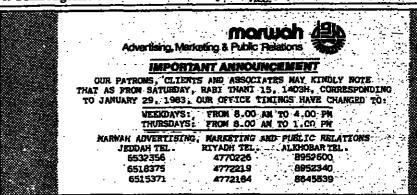
National Industry Week RIYADH. — A meeting was held under Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, the minister of industry

and electricity and acting health minister. Wednesday morning to prepare for the Sec-ond National Industry Week, May 14-21. Reduced bus fickets
JEDDAH — SAPICO, the Saudi Ara-

Mayor lans had already debated the issues with the department before leaving for the United Scales. The heads of the municipality

planating and follow-up department and

bian Public Transport Company, which operates more than 220 buses and transports 160,000 passengers daily here, has begun selling reduced ticket books here Al-Madinah reported Wednesday. It has already sold 100,000 books in 46 days at SR1 million. The company also opened several new lines, including a leddah-Riyadh-Dammam ser-



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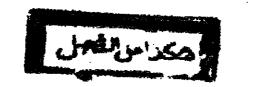
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Minister inaugurates water show Sunday

By Suresh Shah Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 - The Water Technotogy '83 Exhibition, the first specialized event of its kind ever to be held in the Kingdom, will be inaugurated by the minister of alture and water and chairman of the board of directors of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC), Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh, at the Jeddah Expo Center on Feb. 27. The show will continue till March 3.

The water industries and services exhibi-



Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh

tion, which is organized by the Al-Harithy Company of Jeddah and Fairs and Exhibitions Limited of London, is supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, the SWCC, and the Jeddah Municipality.

Fairs and Exhibition Ltd. executive director David Monk told Arab News nearly 200 companies from the Kingdom, the United States, Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Denmark, Holland, Japan, Korea and Spain will display a wide range of technology, equipment and services useful for the exploitation of existing water reserves and for the development of new sources of supply.

Among the equipment and technology to be displayed are desalination units, drilling machines and tools, irrigation systems, measuring and control technology, pipes, umps, recycling systems, sludge condition-

ing, water treatment and valves, Monk said. One unique feature of the show is that the SWCC is organizing a series of specialized seminars at the Prestige Hotel to coincide rith the exhibition," he added.

In the three-day seminar starting Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., SWCC vice governor Issam Jamjoom will speak on products and the program of desalination; Western Region director general engineer Abdul Aziz Nassief will discuss developments in the Western Region: engineer Essam Merdanof Jeddah Municipality will talk on the projects of the municipality and achievements in public services; Dr. Aadel Boshnak of Kawther will speak on the evolution and development of water sources and services, in addition to many distinguished speakers from King Abdul Aziz University, he said.

Prince Naif seeks enhancement of Saudi Arabian consultants' status

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'Hatem Exhibition'

MAKKAH, Feb. 23 - Interior Minister Prince Naif has directed all government departments, universities, ministries and corporations to examine the situation of foreign counselors and experts and the possibility of enhancing the status of Saudi Arabian consultants, Okaz reported.

The prince, who is also vice president of the Manpower Council, asked that questionnaires to this effect be prepared. The questionnaires were prepared by the council's general secretariat in collaboration with King Abdul Aziz University. He urged a speedy reply to the questionnaire, as the matter was

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of the utmost importance. Questions include, for example, the number of Saudi Arabians and others in the teaching corps, at the university's research centers, the budget of the university and the services it has rendered in the field of consul-

Miteb approves SR100m contracts in Riyadh

JEDDAH, reb. 23 — Prince Miteb, the minister of publicworks and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, has signed development projects for Riyadh

Water deals awarded RIYADH, reb. 23 (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, has awarded a SR260 million contract to a specialized firm for the construction of two water purification plants within the framework of major pro-

jects in Saudia.

tancy, who were the beneficiaries, the nature of the consultancy services rendered, who are the Saudi Arabian members of the teaching corps approached to give their advice (through the university, through the faculty or by direct contact), does the university think of incorporating the remuneration for consultancy services rendered to the private and public sectors in its financial resources, and is there a plan for so doing.

Prince Naif Monday presided over a meeting of the board of the Arab Security Studies and Training Center. The prince is also the board chairman. He gave his directives on

how best to develop the center. Dr. Farouq Murad, director of the center, said that the meeting reviewed the center's activities last year and discussed the action program of the center. It was the first meeting of the new board.

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The projects include the creation of Al-Murselat garden (SR6,568,195) by a national firm; the transformation of a farm at Al-Suwaidi district into a public park by a national firm (SR45,063,418); the construction of a tunnel at the intersection between Khurais Road and Al-Nahda street by a national establishment (SR49,881,359); and layouts to embellish the various parts of the capital (SR1,773,583).

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HEART SURGERY DISCUSSION: The testis of heart surgeries and transplants being discussed by Professor Danton Cooley, head of the open heart surgery center at St. Luke Hospital in Houston, with Dr. Soliman Fakeeh, owner and director of Dr. Fakeeh Hospital during the American surgeon's visit to the hospital here Monday.

Transplantation preferred

Expert cites hazards of using artificial heart

Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 - Professor Danton Cooley, head of the open heart center at St. Luke Hospital in Houston, believes that the "best means of total replacement of the human heart is a heart transplantation and not an artificial heart transplantation."

In an interview with Arab News Professor Cooley described the operation done in Salt Lake City recently as a "permanent implantation." "I did not endorse that approach because of the quality of life the recipient would have to lead," he said. The approach was not humane, not justified.

Cooley said that it will be quite creditable for the group of surgeons if this man survives for a long period. He has been continuously ensive care unit attached to a big council of surgeons. The quality of life led this way is not good.

In the meantime, the Associated Press reported from Salt Lake City that artificial heart recipient Barney Clark, with his weak lungs and kidneys slowly healing, spent part of Sunday sitting up in chair and watching television with his wife and daughter. His diseased and failing heart was replaced Dec. 2 with a plastic air-driven Utah heart.

The report said: "Clark, a retired dentist from suburban Seattle continued to mark his recovery with slow improvement from lung and kidney problems that forced doctors to return to the surgical intensive care unit last week. The 62-year-old Clark is still in fair

6m chickens is Buraida farm production goal

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) - An SR150 million integrated poultry farm project set up at Buraida, in the Oassim Region, will produce an estimated six million broilers annually, it was reported here.

The project was executed by HVA Saudi Arabia Ltd. for the Arab Company for Livestock Development (ACLD), an intergovernmental joint venture.

It includes a batchery, a rearing/breeding farm, a feed mill, a slaughterhouse and a rendering plant where the waste parts of butchered birds will be processed into feed.

ACLD Director-General Dr. Abdullah Thenayan said that the project would produce one kilogram broilers which would be deepfrozen and marketed in Riyadh and throughout the Cassim Region.

condition watching TV with his wife and daughter."

Cooley said he prefers a human heart to an artificial device as in the case of the former, the patient can get up and walk around and leave the hospital and go home. "The longest surviving patient was a heart transplant recipient who lived for 14 years — quite a remarkable thing," Cooley noted.

"In the case of an artificial heart transplantation, the patient has to be tethered to the device. But I believe that the heart transplantation is the best means of total replacement of human heart," Cooley said.

He indicated that there are going to be limitations on either of the approaches. The limitation in a heart transplantation right now is in procurement of enough donors. It is difficult to keep a supply of donors available, whereas artificial hearts can be massproduced. The thing lacking in artificial learts is a mobile power source. There may be some prospects with an electrical device or even the use of a nuclear element for the power source. Thus, both methods have certain severe limitations.

Cooley, who arrived here Sunday evening on a three-day visit to the Kingdom on his way to Cairo to attend a congress of cardiologists of the Middle East region, said he is utilizing his stay here to discuss with Dr. Soliman Fakeeh, owner and director of the Dr. Fakeeh Hospital for developing relationship between "his hospital and mine" for future development of new facilities in heart surgery and interchange of personnel.

"Hopefully, we'll have some of his men and women for training so that the training will help the hospital here." Cooley said adding: "The prognosis in patients after a heart transplantation has been greatly improved by the introduction of a new antirejection drug known as "cyclosporin" and we are highly encouraged by the initial results with this medicine. "The mechanical heart in my opinion is

Entertainment gala for hospital patients

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 - Kmg Fahd Central Hospital here recently gave an entertainment gala for female patients hospitalized for heart disease or bone injuries, Al-Madinah reported.

The hospital staff thought that those patients usually stayed for long periods at the hospital, hence the need for a change. The entertainment included contests and the showing of a film on child care and motherhood. The Al-Faisalia Women's Charity Foundation offered prizes.

Officials told to enforce new rules without delay

MAKKAH, Feb. 23 — King Fahd has urged all ministries, government departments and corporations to implement the rules and regulations and official government instructions from the day of their issuance or from the date the relevant parts of such laws and decrees are publicized in the official gazette, and to be very accurate in executing them, Okaz reported Wednesday. The King also ordered all ministries and

government departments to reply comprehensively and clearly to orders addressed directly to them.

The instructions came in a note from the King to Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, circulated to all ministries,

government departments and corporations.

King Fahd said in his memorandum that a

only suitable for a staged cardiac transplanta-

tion. I don't believe it offers enough to a

patient to justify its use as a permanent

implantation. Its quality of life with the

device which is available today, is not suffi-

cient or adequate to justify its use for perma-

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and 1981. In both instances, there were acute

emergency situations. The patients could not

leave the operating room alone unless radical

So we removed it and put a mechanical heart

and as soon as possible, did a heart transplan-

tation. It took three days for one patient and

Professor Cooley later in his lecture at the

Nova Park Hotel on "Surgical treatment in

advanced heart disease" referred to the com-

plications of cornary heart diseases and dis-

cussed the methods of surgical treatment and

'The patient's heart was not functioning.

"We have in our institution implanted two

nent replacement," Cooley said.

procedures were done," he added.

21/2 days for the other patient."

the results over a 12-year period.

laxity was noticed on the part of certain government authorities who do not carry out the rules and instructions as of the date of their uance or publication. Such an attitude is inconsistent with public rules and Article 24 of the statute of the Council of Ministers promulgated by royal decree No. 38 of 22/

Scholars eye labor laws, restrictions

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) - The Board of Supreme Religious Scholars, after its 21st session, has banned any use or employment of labor brought from abroad in violation of what the state had decreed for public interest.

The board also proclaimed that whatever is taken from the manpower importers to let the workers be employed by other sponsors is equally "Haram" (banned by religion). The Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet's Tradition ordain that a person should obey his or her sponsor of on the right path the board

Adversely, using workers for purposes other than those for which they were authorized to enter the country leads to great corruption and imminent evil for Muslims. Therefore, such action must be prohibited.

Electricity program's first phase completed

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 (SPA) - The United Electricity Company in the Western Province has completed the first phase of a program to switch the power current in Makkah and Taif from 50 to 60 Hertz or cycles. A company spokesman said that the first stage of the transformation process already served some 53,000 subscribers, or more than half of

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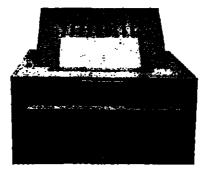
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regains its freedom and expels the invaders,"

Sources here, declining to be identified

further, said an envoy from Lebanese Presi-

dent Amin Gemayel arrived here Tuesday

and had secret talks with Syrian military and

political officials in an effort to facilitate with

withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

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Halim Khaddam, chief of staff Gen. Hikmet

Shehabi and military intelligence chief Gen.

Ali Douba.

land, he said.

Middle East affairs

The sources said the Lebanese envoy, Jean

Numeiri bares Qaddafi plot to overthrow him

KHARTOUM, Feb. 23 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has accused Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi of plotting to overthrow his government and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Libyan planes had violated Egypt's airspace.

"Libya's threat to Sudan is continuing," Numeiri told a press conference in Khartourn. "It will not stop for a long time. It started three years ago ... Qaddafi has said it clearly he wants to change this government and eliminate Numeiri by all means even by killing him," he added.

Numeiri's talks with President Mubarak on the two countries' political and economic integration program took place amid reports of tension on the Sudanese-Libyan border.

Sudan has accused Libya of massing troops supported by jet fighters on the border.

Mubarak told the same press conference Egyptian fighter planes had recently intercepted two Libyan aircraft in Egyptian airspace. Libyan leaders had been warned against further similar incidents, he added.

President Numeiri said the Sudanese authorities had seized a shipload of weapons at Port Sudan sent by Qaddafi five weeks ago to arm his agents in the country. Sudan has repeatedly accused Qaddafi of sending agents to incite subversion inside the country. 'Qaddafi now thinks that the weapons were in the hands of his supporters ... But I tell you these weapons are right in our hands,"

Israel boosts refugee camp patrols

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23 (AP) — The Israeli military command said Wednesday it has stepped up its patrols in the Palestinian refugee camp at Miye ou Miye in Lebanon following a U.S. warning that a massacre might take place.

A military spokesman said there was no point in setting up a permanent Israeli watchpost in the camp near Sidon, because most of the murders of Palestinians had taken place outside the camp.

The daily Haaretz said the United States

Haddad strengthens hold over S. Lebanon

MARJAYOUN. Lebanon. Feb. 23 (AP) - Israeli-backed militia leader Saad Haddad says he is building up his force in South Lebanon and that he envisions a 15,000-man army division to control the

The 45-year-old renegade army major staged a military parade in Sidon, the provincial capital of South Lebanon last week and increased the size of his forces in a key area covering about one-fourth of the country from the Mediterranean coast inland to the Bekaa Valley.

The move brought a storm of protests from nationalists and Muslim leaders. Western diplomats suggested Israel was behind the move, trying to influence the ongoing withdrawal talks.

In an interview with the Associated Press. Haddad insisted he had not enlarged his "free Lebanon" border enclave, which he has controlled since he was cashiered from the army during the 1975-76 Civil War. The deployment was merely part of a "reorganization." he said.

To maintain security in South Lebanon after an Israeli withdrawal. Haddad said a division of 12.000 to 15.000 soldiers should be created.

Numeiri told reporters. appealed to the army through Israel's ambas-sador to Washington Moshe Arens and

a dozen murders were reported. It said the United States feared the killings would develop into a fullscale i massacre of Palestinians for which Israel. as the respons-

through the Israeli Foreign Ministry to set up

a permanent position in the camp after about

ible power in the area, would be blamed. A military spokesman said that "following the American appeal we have reinforced our patrols." He added, however, that a permament army post would serve no purpose and might even worsen the situation.

Hagretz said Mive ou Mive lies next to a Christian Lebanese village where many Phalangist Christian militiamen reside.

Release of Dhaka detainees urged

DHAKA. Feb. 23 (AP) — The Dhaka University Teachers Association demanded Wednesday the unconditional release of people arrested in violent demonstrations around the campus last week.

The association also called for a judicial inquiry into the government crackdown on the Feb. 14-15 demonstrations, withdrawal of warrants against involved students and publication of a list of people arrested from different educational institutions including Dhaka University.

The government said it arrested 19 political leaders and that 70 students had been prosecuted under martial law provisions before order was restored in the capital. Several dissident leaders said the number taken into custody was much higher.

Unconfirmed reports said at least five persons were killed and more than 100 injured in the two days of violence. The demonstrators were protesting Bangladesh's martial law government and its educational policies.

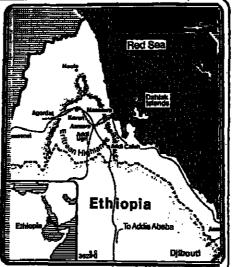
Tigray front marks 8th year of armed struggle

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — The Tigray People's Liberation Front celebrated the eighth anniversary of its armed struggle against the Ethiopian government at a time Addis Ababa is preparing to launch a major offensive to wipe out the freedom fighters.

A communique released by the front here Wednesday said that celebrations are still under way in the 'liberated lands', more than 85 percent of the province, which the TPLF claims is under its control.

Armed struggle in Tigray surfaced at the beginning of 1975 after decades of discontent with the previous Ethiopian emperor's rule. Since its creation, the TPLF has driven out Ethiopian military garrisons into the main cities bringing most of the five million peasant population under its administra-

The imminent Ethiopian offensive is the seventh in a series that aimed, unsuccessfully so far, at crushing the armed opposition to the nine-year-old provisional military government of Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam. "Last year itself. TPLF fighters killed 5,000 Ethiopian troops, took some



1,000 soldiers and officers prisoner while 350 defected," the TPLF communique said.

"It is sure that", the communique said, "like the other 6 offensives, the 7th offensive will effectively be smashed and thwarted by the joint force of the people of Tigray and the popular army of Tigray people's Liberation Front. This time the TPLF is as determined as ever to checkmate the inhuman design of the junta."

The TPLF, strongly condemned the brutal plan of the junta and called on all peace loving people, to express their opposition to the Ethiopian government and extend their hand of friendship to the front.

BRIEFS

LONDON (R) - Iran Wednesday rejected a United Nations Security Council appeal for an immediate cease-fire in the Gulf war and pledged to continue fighting until the Iraqi government was overthrown. Prime Minister Hussein Mousavi told Tehran radio the council's call reflected the wishes of the superpowers, adding that Iran had in the past always defied "oppressive powers."

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (AP) - Sadeq Tabatani. a former Iranian deputy prime minister accused of smuggling opium was freed after authorities accepted his claim of diplomatic immunity. court officials said

Wednesday. RABAT (R) - The Moroccan daily Almaghrib said Wednesday 120 persons were killed and dozens were wounded when rival factions of the Polisario Front guerrilla movement clashed in the Tindouf area of southwestern Algeria. Quoting what it called generally well-informed sources, the paper said the fighting took place in Polisario camps

LONDON (AP) — An Iraqi businessman accused of attempting to assassinate Israel's ambassador to London denied Tuesday that he had been financed by a splinting group of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Nauoff Rosan, 36, also denied that an automatic pistol was found in his apartment.

PARIS (AFP) — Three French medical organizations specializing in international aid announced here Tuesday they will continue to send medical teams to Afghanistan despite

the arrest there of a French doctor, Philippe Augoyard, by the Soviet-Afghan forces.

PARIS (AFP) — Over 200.000 persons. relatives of Iraqis captured in the 30month-old Gulf war, will be allowed to visit them in Iran. Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazempur Ardebili told Tehran radio. monitored here Tuesday.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The nuclearpowered U.S. aircraft carrier Nimitz is back on station off the Lebanese coast, according to sources close to the Pentagon Tuesday. The Nimitz. which carries about 85 aircraft had been reported in the Gulf of Sirte, which Washington considers to be international waters but is claimed as territorial waters by

TEL AVIV (AP) - An Israeli artillery captain was reported Wednesday to have been jailed for 28 days for refusing to perform military duty in Lebanon on grounds of conscientious objection.

ISLAMABAD (AP) - Authorities seized nine kilograms of heroin and 300 kilograms of hashish Tuesday after chasing down a truck bound for the sea port of Karachi. narcotics control board officials said.

CAIRO. (AP) - Security authorities Wednesday ordered the release of 34 extremists. including the father of one of the late President Anwar Sadat's convicted assassins. the Middle East News Agency said. It said the detainees had been held in connection with investigations involving extremist organiza-

Wednesday that Syrian troops would only the communique added. Syrian troops arrived in Lebanon in November 1976 to snuff our the Civil War withdraw from Lebanon when Israeli soldiers and have remained under Arab League man-"The presence of our troops in Lebanon is now more important than ever before in

DAMASCUS, Feb. 23 (AP) - The gov-

ernment of President Hafez Assad reiterated

order to secure the withdrawal of the Israelis." the leadership of the ruling Socialist Baath Party said in a communique. The statement was issued on the 25th anniversary of the creation of the United Arab Republic, a merger of Syria and Egypt that lasted only three years.

"The presence of Syrian forces in Lebanon is linked to Lebanon's interest, security, unity and independence ... All these forces will return and not a single Syrian Arab soldier

U.S., Portuguese leaders view M.E. ence will not be able to solve any of the prob-

Soares, a former prime minister, said he

also discussed with Shultz the internal politi-

cal situation in Portugal, where national elec-

tions are scheduled for April 25. There was

no discussion of an American proposal to

construct a satellite tracking station and other

military facilities on the Portuguese main-

"Soares also met Tuesday with Nicholas

Veliotis, the assistant secretary of state for

Angola, a former Portuguese colony, with

25 degrees Celsins (minus 13 Farenheit).

One person died and three others were

missing after they were buried in an avalanche near the eastern city of Erzurum

Tuesday the semi-official Anatolian news

agency said. State radio said three more persons had frozen to death in central Anatolia.

One newspaper said at least nine persons

Earlier. Soares reviewed the situation in

WASHINGTÖN, Feb. 23 (AP) — Portuguese Socialist leader Mario Soares met with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and outlined the results of his recent Middle

Soares, meeting briefly with reporters Tuesday gave no details of his discussions, saying that to do so could jeopardize the purposes of his mission.

During his Middle East trip, Soares met with Israeli government and opposition leaders, with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and with Lebanese offi-

"I am convinced that the only way out of the present situation in Lebanon and the

West Bank and Gaza Strip is through negotiations." he said through a translator. "Viol-

Chester Crocker, assistant secretary of state for African affairs. Heavy snowfall paralyzes Turkey

Syria reiterates pullout term

ANKARA, Feb. 23 (R) — Heavy snow has paralyzed much of Turkey, killing an unknown number of people, cutting off thousands of villages, bringing down electricity and telecommunications cables and closing most airports.

In Ankara and Istanbul, where thick snow fell for 12 hours without a break, schools were closed Wednesday and authorities warned people not to use the roads unless absolutely necessary.

Remote eastern provinces were worst hit with up to two meters of snow in mountainous areas and temperatures as low as minus

had died since the bad weather hit the country at the end of last week, but with many areas cut off the toll could be higher.

Lebanon blizzard

BEIRUT, Feb. 23 (AP) - Police said Wednesday eight more bodies were dug out from the snow in central and northern Lebanon overnight, bringing to 63 the total deaths from a blizzard that lasted four days.

An overland expedition of 121 U.S.

Marines in nine assault vehicles bogged down in six to eight feet of snow early Wednesday, failing to reach about 3,000 villagers snowbound in the Christian heartland northeast of Beirut, Marine spokesman Maj. William Grein of Fredericksburg, said. He stressed the villagers were in no danger.

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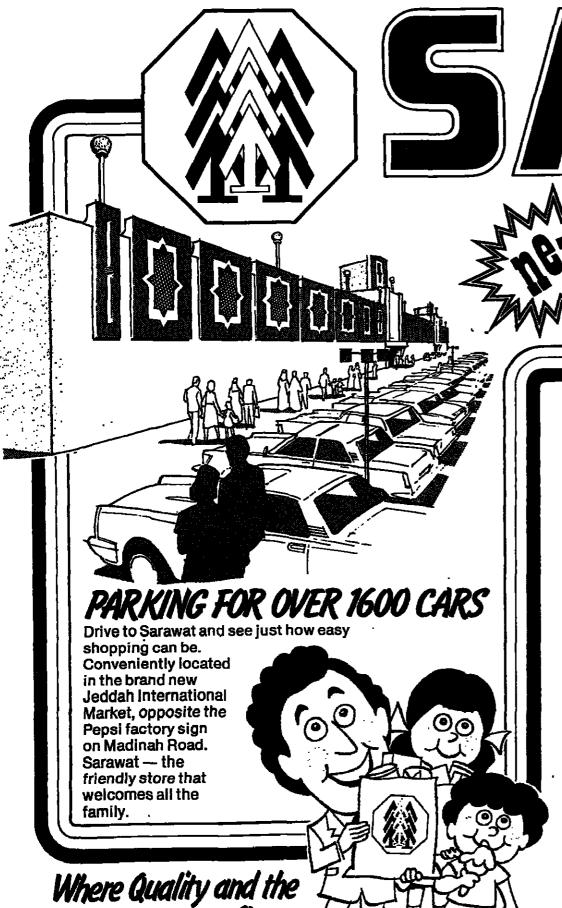
Residents in Istanbul said conditions were the worst for 10 years with about 15 cen-

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The centroy was only a few kilometers from the target area when snow forced them to halt. They were headed for the mountaintop town of Aqoura. 55 kilometers northeast of the capital.

Grein said the convoy would be resupplied by Marine helicopters on Wednesday and would return to its base camp near Beirut International Airport on Thursday. Fuel and food were to be airlifted to the Aqoura population by helicopters, he added. Three persons needing medical treatment were to be brought out as well. Grein said.



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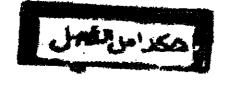
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For links with S. Africa-backed rebellion

Tozambicans get death penalty Feb. 23 (AFP) — Five court in Beira also sentenced two Portuguese ween Feb. 10-15 under legislation covering

MAPUTO, Fcb. 23 (AFP) - Five Mozambicans have been sentenced to death and a British citizen to 20 years in jail for having links with a South African-backed rebellion against the Mozambican government, a military court announced here.

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court in Beira also sentenced two Portuguese to four and eight years in prison, while 15 Mozambicans received sentences ranging from six to 15 years. Seven Portuguese, nine Mozambicans and one Zimbabwean were

Tuesday's statement from the court said the in-camera trial took place in Beira bet-

In the largest trial of its kind in Mozambique, and the first to involve foreigners, the U.S. to buy polluted town

EUREKA, Missouri, Feb. 23 (AP) — The U.S. government promised Tuesday to spend \$33.1 million to buy the entire town of Times Beach and move its residents to protect them from contamination by the chemical dioxin.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Anne M. Burford (formerly Anne Gorsuch) told reporters the EPA will pay for the immediate relocation of all the town's residents and businesses, with the state of Missouri paying the remaining 10 percent of the

It is the first time the federal government has ever taken such a step. "This is the answer to all of prayers," said Evelyn Zufall, 49, who has raised seven children in the town. "It's what everybody wanted, except the very few who don't realize the dangers we've been in."

Homeowners are to be paid the prices their homes would have commanded before the dioxin contamination was discovered, and before floodwaters damaged virtually all of the town's 800 homes and businesses. Officials expect to decide within two or three weeks how to determine what the homes' value was.

Dioxin, a chemical byproduct of herbicide production, causes kidney, spleen and liver ailments in laboratory animals. Its effect on humans is unclear.

The chemical was mixed with waste oil and sprayed on streets in Times Beach and other towns to control dust a decade ago. The dioxin came from a plant that made the herbicide agent orange during the Vietnam War.

The decision to buy the town was made because health officials worried that soil in Times Beach posed a risk to the residents, said Mrs. Burford, who remarried on Sunday and

About 2,400 persons lived in the village southwest of St. Louis until about three months ago, when the Meramec River flooded. As the : floodwaters receded, the national centers for disease control in Atlanta recommended that residents remain out of the town because technicians in protective clothing and respirators had found dioxin along the roadside at

levels up to 100 parts per billion. "Contact with dioxin-contaminated soil in the Times Beach area on a long-term basis represents a health risk," the CDC reiterated Tuesday.

Soviets to resist Western pressure

•MADRID, Feb. 23 (R) - Igor Andropov, son of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, said here the Soviet Union was not prepared to reach agreement at any price at the Madrid security conference.

Talking to Reuters during a break in the work of the review Conference of the Helsinki European Security and Cooperation (CSCE) accords, Andropov made clear the Kremlin was determined to resist Western

He referred directly to proposals tabled by the Western states at the 35-nation meeting which call for greater respect for human rights, including free trade unions, in the Soviet bloc.

The West was mistaken in believing that the Soviet Union would accept these proposals in exchange for a commitment from the conference to convene new all-European

arms talks, he said. "I don't think that we should pay such an extreme price for this conference," he said in fluent English. Andropov, a career diplomat, is the fourthranking Soviet delegate at the 28-month-old Madrid conference.

He said the West's view that the Soviet Union had most to gain from convening new arms talks was questionable. "We are of course interested, but not at all costs."

Andropov said the Soviet Union was ready to talk about trade unions, but any discussions would have to take into account legislation, in his and allied countries. "It must not be in the form of interference or a threat against our domestic politics," he said.

Asked about dissidents, he said: "Every person lives in our country under Soviet law and Soviet administrative regulations, just as in the United States."

"crimes against the people and the people's state." This legislation is largely used to try members of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR), which has South African support in its military and sabotage attacks in large areas of Mozambique.

Of the five Mozambicans sentenced to die by firing squad, one, Filipe Niquisse, was said to have "confessed to burning 20 houses, killing 30 civilians and 15 soldiers, and kidnapping several youths" in five years.

The other four, Augusto Andicene, Jorge Libombo, Joso Dias and Davis Alfredo, were all found to have spent several years in rebel ranks and taken part in attacks on villages, shops, military camps and buses.

The Briton, Dion Hamilton, 48, a shipping company manager, had been in detention in Beira since shortly after a December sabotage attack which destroyed more than \$12.5 million worth of fuel and a tank farm in the

He was arrested when he allegedly tried to leave Beira for South Africa in his private plane the following day. The court found that he had prior knowledge of the attack and had told employees at his company to store as much petrol as possible.

During investigations, the authorities found three pistols, 200 rounds of ammunition, three grenades and radio receivers at his

The court found him guilty of "acts amounting to terrorism" and "agitation." His Portuguese common-law wife, Maria Jose da Rocha, who was charged with complicity, was released and ordered to leave Mozambique within 30 days.

Two of Hamilton's employees, Benjamin Fox and Joso Benedito Fernandes, were given eight and four years respectively for their "failure to denounce" the fuel depot attack. Fox had also been accused of direct links with MNR military groups, but the court said no further charges could be proved. Of the six Portuguese released, two were ordered deported within 30 days.

Shuttle flight set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — The second U.S: space shuttle. Challenger, will be launched March 19 or 20, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) official said here Tuesday. He said the exact date depended on the result of tests now being carried out on the shuttle's spare motors, following the discovery of leaks in one of the three main engines.

NASA associate administrator for space flights, Gen. James Abrahamson, said the first Challenger launch was about two months behind schedule, but that NASA boped to catch up on its shuttle schedule by the ninth launch (of Columbia) planned for Sept. 30. when spacelab will make its first flight.



ICY PRIZE WINNER: With an ice sculpture depicting their protest against the scal slaying, four young men won the first prize of Swiss ice carving championships in Switzer-

Women to defy China birth control

PEKING, Feb. 23 (AFP) - Fifteen peasant women from a small village in central China, in defiance of Peking's strict population control policies, have publicly declared they would rather die than give up their chance of a baby boy.

The Communist Party People's Daily Wednesday printed a letter from 15 women from the village of Anhui, who said that as mothers of girls they lacked status and were targets of mistreatment by husbands, mothers-in-law and even their own parents. "That is why we will never give up trying to

have a boy and why we would rather die than be content with a girl," they wrote. Failure to produce male offspring in their

region of China was a lot "worse than death." they said. China's official policy, launched three years ago, limits couples to one child. But official aims have met with resistance in rural areas where the traditional preference for male children, and desire for at least one male descendant, still runs strong.

The press is full of reports of infanticide of

baby girls and of mistreatment of women who produce only daughters.

In a commentary Wednesday, the People 's Daily said China's population control program was doomed to failure so long as men were considered superior to women. The article about the 15 Anhui women was headed "we want a second emancipation of women."

The villagers pointed out that despite tough stand on women's emancipation by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung, and more recently by party Secretary-General Hu Yaobang. Chinese women had still not achieved equality with men, after over 30 years of Communist rule.

India explains reprocessing of spent N-fuel

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (AP) - India said that its recent moves to reprocess spent nuclear fuel into plutonium are neither secret nor surreptitious, "Nor are we producing plutonium with military purposes in mind." A government spokesman branded as "utterly irresponsible and possibly mischiev-

York and Washington newspapers. A Washington Post story that India has begun stockpiling weapons grade plutonium at a rate enabling it to make 20 atomic bombs a year is "a totally false scenario," added the

ous' reports on the subject this week in New

spokesman. After lengthy trial runs, reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel was started in November at India's Tarapur reprocessing plant near Bombay. The International Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed this.

We cannot go on accumulating the irradiated (spent) nuclear fuel. Reprocessing it does of course entail the production of plutonium but neither is that an end in itself... Any eventual use of this plutonium in a fast breeder reactor would be exclusively to avail of the self-generating technology of power production, the spokesman said.

He added that India had invested more than \$40 million in the reprocessing plant and did not want it to lie idle.

Jamaica premier gets U.S. award

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) - President Ronald Reagan and Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga met for 30 minutes Tuesday and Seaga was then given the Freedoms Foundation's American Friendship Medal at the White House.

At the ceremony, Reagan said Seaga "has long opposed totalitarian inroads in the Caribbean." The president said that under Seaga, who took office in November 1980. the Jamaican economy is growing and "now there are significant employment oppor-

one of our highest priorities." The program would offer direct aid an incentive to encourage development of the nations of the region. The legislation for the program was sent to

With Seaga at his side, the president again

proclaimed the Caribbean basin initiative

Congress last week. The House approved the assistance last year but it was stalled in the Seaga said the award saluted the friendship

of the people of the United States and Jamaica and said Reagan's "personal friendship for Jamaica has been translated into meaningful acts of support."



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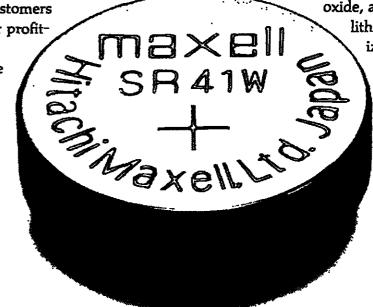
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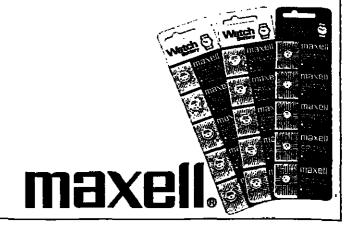
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Indian state gives up press control law

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (AP) - Indian ournalists on Tuesday won a seven-month battle against a state press control law widely denounced as a threat to freedom of the

Jagannath Mishra, the chief minister of Bihar state, who sponsored the controversial law and got in passed by his state legislature last year, announced Tuesday he was giving up efforts to gain final approval from India's central government.

"The bill is dead. The chapter should be treated as closed," Mishra told a news conference, his first since introducing the measure and touching off nationwide protests by journalists and editors.

"I just wanted to greet you people and extend my hand of friendship. Let us forget and forgive," Mishra added to the press corps at Patna, his state capital.

The Bihar press bill provided for jailing S. Korean woman

to die for spying

SEOUL, Feb. 23 (AP) - A 26-year-old Korean woman was sentenced to death Wednesday after a court found her guilty of spying for North Korea, court authorities said.

The Seoul District Criminal Court handed down the decision in the case of Kim Yung-Hui, who was arrested in September and charged with spying after infiltrating, church circles, labor unions and campus activities, they said.

She was accused of having visited North Korea in 1978 for espionage training with the help of a pro-Communist group in Japan and was said to have received instructions to gather military information and spread antigovernment rumors.

The authorities said the court also sentenced three associates to jail terms ranging from three years to life on charges involving espionage and violating the national security

BRIEFS

LONDON (AFP) - An incendiary letter bomb sent to the U.S. Embassy here Tuesday was disarmed by a British explosives expert. There were no injuries, police said here. They said the booby-trapped envelope could have burned someone seriously if it had been opened before being spotted. They said the envelop contained no message.

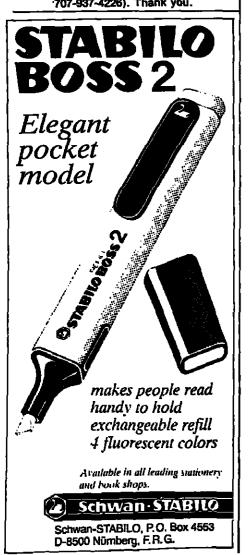
CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Twenty-five persons including three women were burned alive Tuesday morning near this port city when a bus in which they were riding caught fire, police said. The preliminary police report said the bus accidentally caught fire. Deputy Inspector General of Police S.S. Brinda said the nearby villagers were attracted by screams of the passengers, but the bus was engulfed by fire and reduced to a charred wreck before they could help.

BUENUS AIRES (AFP) — National elections to bring about a return to civilian rule in Argentina will be held on Oct. 16, the head of the conservative Federal Party said here following a meeting with President Reynaldo Bignone.

BOGOTA (AFP) — Colombian officers and troops will contribute one day's pay to a fund to defend 59 military men accused by the chief prosecutor of belonging to a "death squad" movement, military chiefs announced

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journalists for up to five years for publishing or profiting from stories or photographs deemed "grossly indecent. scurrilous or intended to blackmail." Newspaper vendors

could also be punished. The terms were not defined. The Editors' Guild of India charged that the real purpose of the law was to "intimidate and frighten" the media to prevent reporting of misdeeds in Bihar, generally regarded as the most corrupt and worst-governed of India's 22 states.

Critics of the bill also said it circumvented due process of law and fair trial for offenses already dealt with in the libel, slander and

Opposition to the measure reached its peak with a nationwide work stoppage by the newspaper industry last Sept. 3. exactly one month after the Bihar legislature voted for

At one point, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi indirectly defended the legislation saying it was aimed only against "rag" journalism and character assassination and that India had the maximum press freedom in the

However, her information minister later invited journalists and news executives to clarify their objections. Finally the central government withheld necessary presidential approval and quietly asked the state to reconsider the legislation.

Barbarism alleged in U.K. hospital

LONDON. Feb. 23 (AP) - Mentally handicapped teen-age girls are allegedly lined up at bathtime and "hosed down like cattle" in one of 16 British mental hospitals condemned in a report published

The report cited other alleged examples of barbaric treatment including tying children to chairs, making patients earn meals, excessive dosing with tranquilizers and physical assaults.

Lawmaker Jack Ashley, a member of the opposition Labor Party and veteran campaigner for the disabled, urged the House of Commons Tuesday to take immediate action on the findings. But his request for an emergency debate was turned down.

"If these grave allegations are substantiated, we are dealing with a major public scandal involving cruelty to helpless people," said Ashley who is deaf.

The 54-page report, called "Vulnerable People" names 16 hospitals, about half the total number of hospitals for the mentally handicapped in southeast Britain. and calls for an independent body to investigate complaints.

Black mayor for Chicago

CHICAGO, Illinois, Feb. 23 (AFP) — U.S. Congressman Harold Washington won the Democratic Party primary for mayor of Chicago Wednesday, a victory that virtually assures him of becoming the city's first black

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 23 (AP) -Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, trailing his labor opponent Bob Hawke by 10 percent in public opinion polls, Wednesday strongly defended his assertion that Australians should withdraw their money from banks if Hawke gained power in the March 5 national elections.

The contention, which the prime minister made Tuesday, was greeted with editorial criticism and objections from the Australian Bankers' Association in Wednesday's news-

"I wonder how many of you have savings locked away in the banking system and think it's safe. Under Labor it would be safer under your bed than it would be in the bank," he said at a rally.

Talking to a caller on talk-back radio, he said: "You should make sure your savings in the bank are safe and that Mr. Hawke and Mr. Keating (Labor's shadow treasurer) can't get their hands on them. They'd rob the savings of the people to pay for their mad prom-

Ron Cameron, director of the Australian Bankers' Association, called on Fraser to rectify his remarks. Hawke, the Australian Labor Party leader, accused Fraser of trying to trigger a run on the banks.

He said Fraser's charges that people's savings would not be safe under Labor was "the grossest act of irresponsibility in the history of Australia." Fraser, however, declared that he would be happy to repeat his "graphic...

Editorial writers took Fraser's remarks as an attempt to frighten the electorate in view of the opinion polls which showed the government trailing badly. One poll published Wednesday showed the Labor Party leading. time," said the Australian Financial Review in an editorial which accused Fraser of deliberately risking the stability of the Australian

Hawke outpolled Fraser in public esteem

"The election campaign is really flushing

by 54 percent to 34 percent.

out some absurdities and old chestnuts this financial system for short-term political advantage. The Sydney Morning Herald said "it has

been said no American businessman ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the average consumer. Mr. Fraser seems to be moving to adopt a similar credo." The editorial said Fraser's remarks "might have the desired result of striking fear into

the unintelligent and ill-informed. Others will regard it as an insult to their intellig-

igration to B itain increases

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP) - Immigration to Britain rose by 13 percent between 1971 and 1981, with non-white immigrants comprising the largest single increase while Irish immigration fell, officials statistic released Tuesday showed.

A report by the Office of Population Census and Surveys said there were 1,517,000 foreign-born non-whites among Britain's 54 million residents, an increase of 32 percent in the 10-year period surveyed.

Official reports refer to non-whites as immigrants from "new Commonwealth"

countries — the black, brown and Asian countries in the 47-nation association of Britain and its former colonies — and from Pakistan, which is not a Commonwealth member.

Immigration from the Republic of Ireland showed the sharpest decrease, falling by 14 percent, with the number of Irish-born Britons numbering 612,000.

Britain's non-whites were also younger than the natives, the survey showed. It said that while a third of all households included one or more children aged under 16, there was a child or children in 57 percent of households headed by a non-white immig-

Only 3 percent of non-white households consisted of someone over 60 living alone, while the national average was 14 percent, the survey said. The last census in 1981 did not, after protests from non-white groups and liberal legislators, include a question on race. Unofficial estimates put Britain's non-white population at 2.4 million or 4.4 percent of the population. Most non-whites are post-World War II immigrants from Asia and the West Indies and their descendants.

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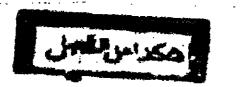
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Migratory route the ant-eaters

BONN (GRS) — The animal skeleton discovered in the Messel oil-shale pit near Darmstadt in Land Hesse turned out in the end to be that of an ant-eater dating from the Eccene. As far as present-day zoologists are concerned, however, the aut-eater is strictly a South American animal which, to be the best of their knowledge, has never left that conti-nent. In view of the fact that a Southeast Asian pungolin had been unearthed in this unique fossil-source a short time before, the scientists have now gained the impression that Central Europe must have been a mixing vessle of literally absurd dimensions for the entire animal world some 50 million years

The Grube Messel — formerly oil shale for mineral oil production was extracted here, it is to eventually become a large-scale rubbish tip - has, for a number of years, been providing fossils from the Eocene, the second principal subdivision of the Tertiary, in an exceptionally good state of preservation. Bats with domestic remains, skeletons of prime-val horses with still identifiable stomachcontents, complete tissue cells which have survived the last 50 million years in the former sludge on the bed of a primeval forest lake, have been repeatedly astonishing the fossil-prospectors.

The animals, which either drowned in a large stagnating lake or whose carcases were washed up there, date from a major development epoch of life on earth: the giant saurians had just died out and the primitive minor mammals (which had lived with them) and the birds suddenly became the lords of the continents. Large terrestrial animals were still missing and the mammals and birds developed rapidly, growing larger and larger. Simultaneously, in the warm climate which prevailed all over the globe, the now identifiable demarcation lines in the animal world disappeared, as proved by Messel. "The animal population, which lives in neatly sepa-rated "fauna provinces" nowadays, was all

Heart surgery of newborn 'successful' which is now only to be found in Southeast

Asia, was dug up at Messel. A crocodile from this pit should, strictly speaking, "come from" America. The "piece de resistance" to

date, however, is the remains of an 86-

centimeter-long aut-eater, a species of ani-

mal found exclusively in south America

today. The ant-eater is a toothless mammal

which, with its "pick-axe", i.e. the middle

finger of the front feet and which is terribly

powerful, can break open and penetrate

ant-hills with its trunk-like snout to "lick up"

this skeleton in 1974, he couldn't believe his eyes and cautiously classified it as "ant-

eater-like". It was not until 1981 that Dr.

Gerhard Storch, palaeontologist at Sencken-

berg Museum, Frankfurt, was definitely able

to verify this assumption. In other words, dur-

ing the Central European fauna-chaos, South

America is clearly represented by native

These finds have been made all the more

surprising by the fact that a typically former

inhabitant of South America was found in

France recently: the giant Phorusrachus, an

ostrich-like running bird with an immensely

powerful beak, which lived as a two-legged

large bird of prey, undoubtedly killing even

Just how this fauna-muddle of "Southeast

Asia" plus "Europe" plus "North America" plus "South America" came about is causing

palaeozoologists something of a headache at

this South American animal world was not

always as isolated as has been assumed and

was, what is more, filled with wanderlust. By

which routes the Messel ant-eater and the

bird of prey in France made their way to

Europe is still a matter of conjecture. There

was certainly no direct link between South

America and Europe 50 million years ago:

the Atlantic was already there.

As these discoveries in Messel go to show,

larger mammals with sharp pecks.

the moment.

When Dr. G. Jores, Darmstadt, unearthed

the ants with its tongue.

ROME (R) - Doctors predicted a short life for Alessandro Binchi when he was born last January with a heart tumor, but a speedy operation saved him and turned a team of surgeons into national heroes.

Within hours of his birth doctors performed what they said was the world's first successful heart surgery on a newborn baby. The growth, as big as a walnut took up most of Alessandro's left ventricle. Doctors at the state-run Fatebenefratelli Hospital where he was born despaired of preventing it moving to

block his blood supply.

Alessandro was rushed to the Vatican's children's hospital, where a team of heart surgeons operated to prove the growth. "Fatebenefratelli called at three, the baby arrived at four and we had him on the operating table at five, recalls Dr. Carlo Marcelletti. 38, head of the cardiology department.

The speed and success of the operation turned Dr. Marcelletti's team into celebrities. Their success was in contrast to the normal chaos in Italy's understaffed hospitals, aggravated by doctors protesting at poor pay and

Dr. Marcelletti hand-picked the team of three cardiologists, six anesthetists and five surgeons, including himself from the "brain drain" of Italian medical talent he met while working in foreign hospitals.

He worked in Britain, at the Mayo Clinic in Rocheste Minnesota and at the university hospital in Amsterdam before setting up the children's hospital's heart surgey department in June 1982.

"I assumed I was going to spend my working life outside Italy, so I was over the moon when the management of this hospital asked me to come and set up a child heart surgery department," he told Reuters in the hospital on Janiculum Hill, overlooking central Rome. His team has already carried out 180 operations with 85 percent survival rate, over half of them on babies under one year old.



BEFORE BURNING: The first mental hospital in the United States as it appeared before burning to the ground in 1885. Opened in 1773

First U.S. mental hospital excavated

By Donald J. Frederick

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia (NGNS)-A vulcanized chamber pot and dozens of surgical instruments are among the thousands of objects resurrected from the United States' first mental hospital.

Opened to patients in 1773, the building in Williamsburg burned to the ground more than a century later. Colonial Williamsburg archaeologists now are wrapping up an extensive examination of the site before work starts on a reconstruction of the building — the largest reconstruction project undertaken in the town since 1934.

The original two-story red brick hospital had 12 rooms on each floor for patients. A third story was added later, as were five other large buildings and a number of smaller ones.

"The complex, known as the Public Hospital,' housed more than 300 patients at the time it burned down," said Colonial Williamsburg's chief archaeologist, Ivor Noel Hume. The site is at the edge of the restored town near the College of William & Mary.

Why did the first building for the mentally ill go up in a small Virginia town rather than a large urban area such as Philadelphia or New York? "It certainly wasn't because the area had more deranged people than the northern communities," observed the reconstruction project's historian. Shomer

S. Zwelling. Rather, Zwelling feels the positive attitude of one of Colonial Virginia's governors, Francis Fauquier, had a lot to do with it. Exhorting legislators to act, Fauquier noted, "Every civilized country has a hospital for these people, where they are confined, maintained, and attended by able physicians, to endeavor to restore to them their lost reason."

Credit, too, should go to the aristoracy who controlled the House of Burgesses and approved the building in 1770. "Many of them may have acted paternalistically, but there was also a lot of enlightenment around," pointed out Zwelling. "After all, this was Thomas Jefferson country."

The enlightenment extended to the hospital's admissions policy. Almost from the beginning, free black patients were admitted on a non-segregated basis. Zwelling noted that in other parts of the country blacks rarely were accepted as patients in mental hospitals before the 1840s.

The historian isn't sure whether colonial patients had peculiar mental problems, but just as today, there was a lot of schizophrenic and depressive behavior. At least one of the earliest patients was admitted because of compulsive smoking. Apart from two fenced exercise yards attached to either side of the building. records indicate there were few recreational facilities at the hospital in the 18th century. Food was plain but adequate and the patients were locked in at night, one to a

Leg irons and chains were common, and in 1790 three dark, damp isolation cells were carved beneath the building to house inmates in a "raving phrensey."

A wave progress in the 1840s, championed by reformers such as Dorothea Dix, swept away the chains and grinding monotony that oppressed most of the hospitals. Occupational therapy was introduced.

At the Public Hospital, under the able leadership of Dr. John Minson Galt II, patients were encouraged to play musical instruments, sew, read, and attend lectures. On one of her trips to Williamsburg, Miss Dix brought gifts of books, pictures, and cloth to encourage these pursuits.

The reform movement ran out of steam in the 1850s. "Overcrowding of institutions caused by large waves of immigrants is usually cited as the reason," pointed out Zwelling. "But that's an oversimplification, because the same thing happened in the Williamsburg hospital, an underutilized complex where patients were still mostly housed one to a room."

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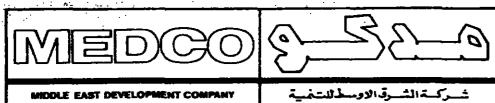
For the middle-ager: "A vigorous walking program may be more prudent for middle-aged flabby, deconditioned Americans," says Dr. William B. Kannel in his book, Exercise and Sudden Death.

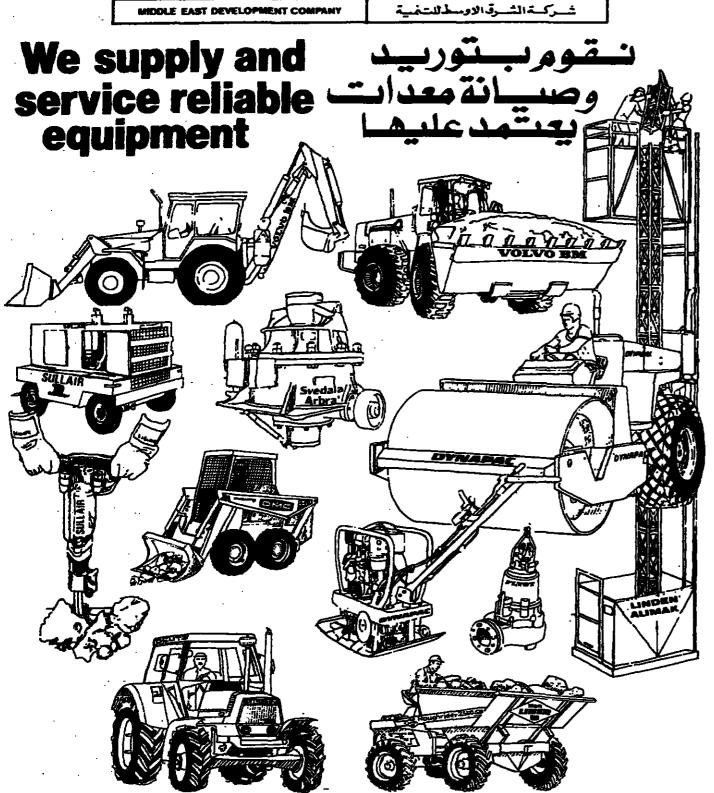
A few years back, there was often only one choice for nonfunctioning or poorly functioning arteries if nitroglycerine and

related drugs didn't control the anginal attacks - surgery. But lately, we have newer drugs to fall back on: beta blockers, Tuesday, March 1

Avoid crash diets! Although weight seems to dissolve like butter in a hot pan, within weeks or months fat begins infiltrating and accumulating. Also, consider what crash dieting does to your health. Think about how an unbalanced diet with lack of protein weakens your muscles, including the most important one, the heart,

The reason self-treatment may be dangerous is that if it is prolonged for weeks or months, you may be losing valuable time in treatment if an ailment was serious or life-threatening.

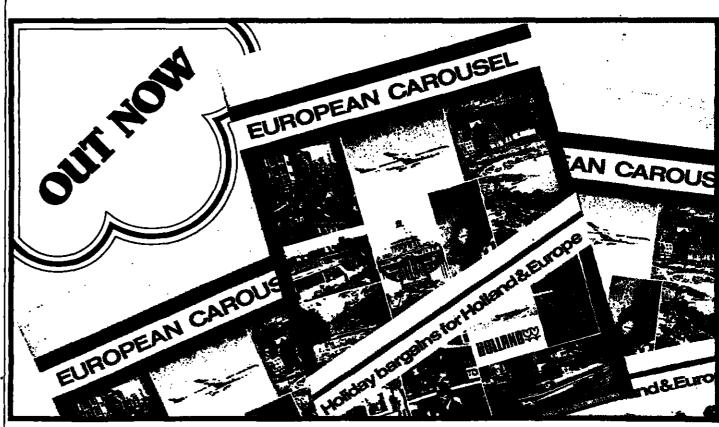




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LAST CHANCE FOR OPEC

It is just possible that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries might be saved from certain demise if the conferees in Riyadh are able to reach a consensus despite the staggering blow dealt to them by renegade Nigeria.

The Nigerian government, it may be recalled, has already reduced the price of its oil by up to five and a half dollars, undercutting even the North Sea product. It has done this without consulting other members of OPEC who had stood Lagos in good stead when it faced serious financial difficulties due to scanty demand for its oil.

The Arab producers led by Saudi Arabia, by far the largest exporter in the world, have taken it gracefully so far and have consulted with other members in the interest of the organization which has been threatened with dissolution. But it would be unfair to expect the Arabs to go on sacrificing their only resource for the sake of Iran and Nigeria if they cannot get the organization as a whole to close ranks.

The dangers facing OPEC are painfully clear. A price war will destroy it and according to some Western experts, rapidly falling prices will play financial havoc worldwide. The banks have staked billions of dollars in loans to some producers notably Mexico and Nigeria which may not be able to muster enough cash to service their debts let alone the principals. The West has also invested a lot of money in developing alternative sources of energy and tapping new, and previously costly sources of oil notably in the North Sea and Alaska.

Paradoxically, the U.S. which has engineered the recession, the glut and the possible decimation of OPEC is deeply worried about the potential collapse of the oil pricing structure since it is both a producer and a lender of money to fellow-producers.

It is up to OPEC now to try to halt the slide to

Saudi Arabian press review

government's support to the Palestinian cause announced at Monday's cabinet meeting has been hailed by Saudi Arabian newspapers.

Al -Bilad said the Kingdom's

full support for any unified Palestinian moves will give strong impetus to any Arab and Palestinian action to recover the usurped Palestinian and Arab rights.

At the cabinet meeting Monday King Fahd stressed his country's political, economic and information backing to the Palestinian issue. This the paper said, will help "the Palestinian people, led by the PLO, to liberate their territory and establish their independent state on their own soil."

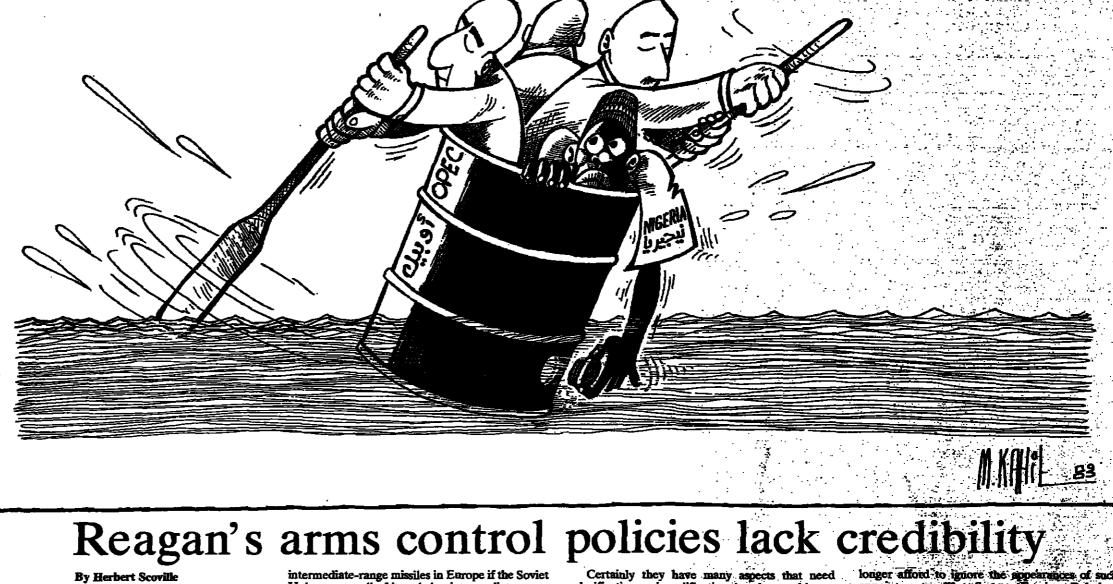
The paper urged a unified Palestinian stand to "face the malicious designs of international Zionism against them."

King Fahd's reiteration of his stand to recover the usurped Arab rights and territory. The paper stressed that any solution to Palestine cause "should come through the Palestinian people."

Al-Jazirak, in its editorial referred to Jubail phase II power and desalination plant opened by King Fahd and described it as a big stride to ensure the citizens' welfare and prosperity.

Okaz hailed the gigantic project nerable to disruptions in supplies and to maintain as one which reflects the king's production in time of war. concern to ensure the country's needs of water not only in towns Gregor confirmed recently that the government but also in villages and remote had decided to establish "a small stockpile of

Al-Yom said the GCC minister- mainly from Zaire and Zambia, and chromium. ial meetings held in Riyadh manganese and vanadium produced in South "reflect the Guf states' strenuous Africa. These are essential for petroleum. aerosefforts to establish the strongest pace and machine tool industries. The Financial possible cohesion based on the Times newspaper said it was believed the governdivine faith." The GCC meetings ment wanted to acquire enough stock to last three will help establish Gulf solidarity months and estimated the cost at about \$75 million and joint action needed to realize at current prices. Al-Madinak also urged a common goals, the paper said. unified Arab and Palestinian (SPA)



LOS ANGELES -President Reagan's policies for controlling nuclear weapons and his organization for implementing those policies are being ravaged by a major credibility crisis.

Its severity became apparent last month with his firing of the hawkish Eugene V. Rostow, director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, for excessive "zeal" in promoting arms control. That move sent shock waves around the world, activating latent skepticism over the seriousness of American intentions to negotiate limits on nuclear weapons, particularly those in Europe — an issue that has become a major factor in the West German elections to take place next month.

In response, the administration launched a worldwide public relations campaign to restore an image of sincerity:

- Reagan volunteered to meet with the new Soviet leader, Yuri V. Andropov, to sign a "zerooption" treaty, a proposal that the Soviets have branded as one-sided and totally unacceptable since the day it was made in November 1981. (It envisions the canceling of American plans to deploy

(Herbert Scoville has served as assistant director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency for science and technology).

Union scraps all of its existing intermediate-range missiles).

- Meanwhile, Vice President George Bush was trying to sell the year-old proposal in Western

- U.S. negotiator Paul Nitze, who is reported to have privately suggested to his Soviet counterpart an alternative to Reagan's obviously nonnegotiable zero-option proposal, was shipped back to the Geneva talks despite being rebuffed for showing such flexibility.

All these moves were touted as demonstrations of the United States' seriousness about reducing nuclear arsenals in Europe. They do show steadfast Reagan administration support for the zero-option proposal, but do they persuade anyone that America is really serious about reducing the nuclear threat to Europe?

Reagan attacked the Soviets for not making a serious counteroffer. Yet Andropov, a little more than a month after he succeeded the late Leonid I. Brezhnev, offered to reduce the number of Soviet misisles aimed at Europe to 162 - the same number that the British and French now have aimed at the Soviet Union. He even offered to reduce such Soviet missiles all the way to zero if those two nations would scrap all theirs as well. The Soviets' reluctance to leave the Europeans with a 162-0 missile margin is understandable. But the American government within 24 hours denounced the Andropov offers as propaganda.

Certainly they have many aspects that need clarification and modification, but they could provide a basis for negotiation. They present an opportunity to explore whether the Soviets would reduce to an equal number of warheads with the British and French, which would mean a substantial cut from the current Soviet force level.

If Reagan is really serious about reducing nuclear missiles in Europe, this propossal should have been given some consideration. It gave many openings for important reductions, and even for reaching a true zero-zero situation.

But a demonstration of seriounsness concerning arms control does not depend on negotiating positions alone. It also depends on the people whom the president appoints to develop and carry out his policies. With the firing of Rostow, Reagan had a chance to turn over a new leaf: he could have nominated (for the first time) a well-informed individual who is known to believe in the importance of controlling nuclear weapons. Instead, the president nominated Kenneth Adelman, who has little background in arms control.

Although the arms-control director will have the major role in day-to-day activities. Secretary of State George P. Shultz may come of the adjustic role than in the past the will need strong informed support within the government if he going to move it toward concrete achievements in the control of nuclear weapons.

If Reagan is to close the credibility gap over the sincerity of his support for arms control, he can no longer afford to ignore the appearances of such appointments. The Senste Exergin Relations Committee quite correctly did not ignore such appearances when it halted action on the Adelman nomination amid suggestions by a minuter of senators that Reagan withdraws it.

The president's commitment is called into serious question when Adelman his selection to be the

question when Adelman, his selection to be the chief officer in the government responsible for arms control, admire to abysmal unconcern over the most basic issues involving markear weapons. For example, he had "no strong opinions" on whether either the United States or the Soviet Union could survive

in any governable form in the afternath of an all-out nuclear war, and he had no thoughts' on whether a nuclear war could be kept famited.

What is the dively reaction of the Europeans to such a vacuum in Reagan's choice as chief disar-mament officer? Will this reassure them that the Reagan administration is not merely using arms control as a gover to deploy new weapons on their

No, the president can no longer be given the benefit of doubt on his sincerity. The time has come for the Linux Klaines for march its words with science We may be the chicken coops with locks with the chicken coops with locks with the first less if and its every new with proposal as propagands without giving it so much as a moment s consideration. And we must sit down and seriously try to proposale controls and down and seriously try to negotiate controls and reductions on nuclear weapons that satisfy the secunity concerns of both West and East. (LAT)

New evidence bares S. Africa's secret war on neighbors

By Richard Hall

PRETORIA -A white commando killed while trying to sabotage a vital railway line in Mozambique was a former British Army officer serving in the South African Army. Evidence of his identity provides proof of the "secret war" South Africa is waging against

neighboring black states.

The Mozambique government had been unable to identify the white saboteur, or the three Africans who died with him, because all four were blown to pieces. But one vital clue. a photographed page of a handwritten novel about Northern Ireland. has been obtained by the British daily The Observer. This proves that the saboteur was Sandhursttrained Lt. Alan Gingles. 27. from Larne in County Antrim. By the time of his death he had resigned from the British Army and had become a regular officer in the South African Defense Force.

Shortly after the fatal explosion on the railway line, between Zimbabwe and the Mozambique port of Beira, the defense force headquarters in Pretoria released a communique about Gingles. This said he had been killed "in action against terrorists" in the 'operational area.". The South African Embassy in London has confirmed that the phrase "operational area" always refers to "the zone between Angola and Namibia." It use in this instance was intended to hide the awkward truth that Gingles had died on the other side of the African continent, while attacking a civil target in a sovereign state.

The revelation about Gingles is the first direct proof that South Africa is striking non-military installations deep inside other countries. Allegations of such actions are often made, notably by Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe, But indisputable evidence has been lacking. The Beira railway is a main artery for Zimbabwe's imports and exports. Alongside it runs the equally vulnerable oil pipeline. The main effect of sabotage attacks on either is to undermine the economy of Zimbabwe

The British government has started stockpiling

strategic metals used in the defense and aerospace

industries, prompted by low prices, fears of political

instability in southern Africa and last year's Falk-

lands War. In so doing. Britain has joined the

United States, France and Japan among Western

industrial nations in seeking to make itself less vul-

Britain's Junior Industry Minister John Mac-

strategic minerals." The materials include cobalt,

A select committee of the House of Lords (upper

chamber) reported last October that two criteria

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and make it dependent upon routes through South

Gingles died more than 300 miles beyond South Africa territory. His operation was quite distinct from the limited, cross-border raids made by the defense force to "take out" the bases of guerrillas planning to infiltrate South Africa. After the attack on the railway - at Doeroi, halfway between Beira and the Zimbabwe border - Mozambique protested that unidentified "Boer soldiers" had been involved. A spokesman for the South African government called this "lying propaganda." Only a few days earlier it had put out the totally misleading statement about Gingles.

The background to the death of Gingles has remained hidden for more than a year. It acquires added significance because last week another Briton - Finlay Dion Hamilton, from Manchester was jailed for 20 years for alleged involvement in the sabotage last December of Beira's fuel depot. which serves Zimbabwe.

Suspicion was directed at Beira's small expatriate community - in which Hamilton was a leading figure - because it was knwon that white men had operated alongside guerrillas belonging to the rebel Mozambique National Resistance organization. Hamilton was accused of running an MNR "cell."

The trial that led to Gingles's home town. 20 miles north of Belfast in Northern Ireland, had begun in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique. The Observer's correspondent there. Joseph Hanlon, obtained pitures taken at the scene shortly after Gingles had blown himself up. The photographer was Carlos Rodrigues, from the staff of Beira's Diario de Mocambique. The pictures show the equipment of the sabotage team, including rifles, a

map, and a camouflaged sleeping bag.

There was no name on any of the white man's possessions, which included basic mapping equip-ment a Portuguese language primer and a neatly inscribed wordlist in Shona, the local language. The crucial evidence lay in the photographed fragment

should be used in deciding what to stockpile: the

importance of a mineral to the national economy

and vulnerability of supply. It said the four most

important materials were chromium and mangan-

ese used in the steel industry, the platium group of

metals used in the electrical and car industries and

in medicine, and phosphate rock used for fertilizer.

well below their historic peaks and are thus tempt-

ing to government buyers. Traders say purchases

for the British stockpiles are unlikely to have a

A U.S. senate committee report last December

warned that Western countries should prepare

themselves for any temporary disruption in mineral

imports from South Africa in the event of social

Analysts said fears of unrest in southern Africa

and Britain's war with Argentina over the Falkland

Islands last year had apparently persuaded the Whitehall to go ahead with the stockpile plan with-

The United States first started stockpiling about

60 strategic materials - ranging from metals and

diamonds to drugs such as opium - during the

out waiting for concerted European action.

upheaval there during the next decade.

significant effect on prices.

Metal prices have been rising recently but are still

of the handwritten novel.

The fictional hero, a student named Willie, was portrayed as being heavily involved in Northern Ireland's politics. He had been recruited into a right-wing terrorist cell. and was instructed to infiltrate the Ulster Defense Regiment.

One sadly apt sentence in the novel read: "Death. as he now knew, was anything but pleasant or glorious." The Observer established that the dead saboteur was called Gingles. This unusual surname was tracked to Larne, which fitted with the novel. A girl in the story has the codename "Antrim." and Larne is in County Antrim.

In Larne, there was no difficulty in tracing Gingles's relatives. He was well known in the town and was so keen on military life that he had joined the Ulster Defense Regiment was still at Larne Grammar School. He went to Sandhurst, the British Military Academy, and was commissioned in the Royal Irish Rangers in 1977.

At his farmhouse near the Ballyhampton Road, two miles from Larne. Hubert Gingles produced last week a bundle of the letters sent home by his son from Africa. The handwriting in them was identical with that of the manuscript found 5,000 miles. away beside the Mozambique railway line. All this gives the lie to South Africa's claim that Gingles had died "in action against terrorists." By some lights, he was a terrorist himself.

The identification of Gingles also weighs against south Africa's denial of collaboration with the Mozambique National Resistance. MNR guerrillas are reportedly trained at Phalaborwa, a military camp in the eastern Transvaai; the official communique said that Gingles had been based at

Hubert Gingles is proud of his son: "Alan was adventurous and had a wish to combat terrorism. "He thought his son had died in some unorthodox mission "perhaps trying to blow up a bridge."

After an unexciting spell in Germany. Alan Ging-

Britain acts to ensure defense supplies

Korean conflict in the early 1950s. But it was in March 1981 that President Reagan ordered the

resumption of major purchases for the first time in

20 years. His 1984 budget proposes outlays of \$ 120

million for purchases of critical materials, the same

amount as in 1983. Administration officials said in January the United States would buy one million tons of Jamaican bauxite for stockpiling, while purchases from Zaire of cobalt - essential for jet engines -

were under consideration. Reagan had earlier ordered an increase in stockpiles of manganese and chromium ores. France, the first European Community country to stockpile minerals, started its program in 1975 with purchases of nonferrous metals such as copper, lead,

tungsten and chrome. The aim is to stockpile enough minerals to provide French industry with a two-month emergency supply by 1985.

Proposals to build up official reserves of strategic metals in Germany were discussed in Bonn in the late 1970s, but the idea fell through and has not since been revived. The government has provided some financing to encourage private stockpiles.(R)

les had resigned his British commission and gone to Rhodesia during the closing stages of the Smith regime. There he fought in a commando unit of the Sealous Scouts, but when Rhodesia became Zimbabwe he moved on to South Africa. His letters display anti-Marxist views, and a bitterness shared by many regular soldiers who fought in Rhodesia - that the victory finally went to their black opponents. A wish for revenge is said to motivate some of the former Rhodesians who volunteer for risky operations north of the Limpopo River.

Although Gingles failed, other raids into Mozambique have had spectacular results. The devastation of the Beira fuel depot caused weeks of damaging petrol shortages in Zimbabwe.

Dion Hamilton was, until the time of his arrest.

the managing director in Beira of Manica Freight Services, owned by the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa. He had lived for 20 years in Mozambique, and acted as unofficial British consul in Beira. He was a champion Mozambique parachutist and trained a government sky-diving team. At the time of his arrest, with eight others, his plane was said to have a full tank of fuel and was ready for take-off. (LOS)

Today is Thursday. Feb. 24. the 55th day of 1983. There are 310 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date: 1825 - Egyptian forces begin landing in Morea,

1839 — Uruguay declares war on Argentina. 1891 — China pays indemnity to Russia for return of Ili Valley in northwest China.

1945 — Ahmad Pasha, premier of Egypt, is

assassinated after announcing Egypt's declaration of war against Germany, U.S. troops liberate Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese occupation during World War II.

1946 — Juan Peron is elected president of Argentina. 1962 — At least 25 persons, most of them Mus-

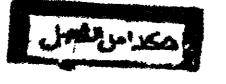
lims, are slain during terrorist outbreak in Algiers. 1966 — Coup by armed forces of Ghana deposes President Kwame Nkrumah while he is out of country, en route to China.

1971 — Algeria announces it is seizing controlling interest in all French oil companies in Algeria, 1972 - North Vietnamese and Viet Cong walk out of peace talks to protest U.S. bombings and other "extremely serious acts of war."

1974 — Islamic leaders conclude 30-nation summit meeting in Pakistan with pledge to help developing countries hurt by rising oil prices. 1979 — Chinese troops seize a third provincial capital in Vietnam's northern border region, and

troops are reported in strategic city of Lang Son. 1982 - U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces package of trade and investment incentives designed to sid Caribbean region.

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood — Marie Curie, Polish-born scienist



Victims of Israeli brutality

Lebanese kids get medical care in U.S.

Dawn Liddicoatt Houston Bureau

HOUSTON - The Lebanese children who arrived in the United States to receive specialized treatment for injuries suffered during the Israeli invasion and violence which has wracked the country for eight years arrived in good spirits. "Although they're a little tired, they are excited to be here," said Dr. Ghassam Issa, a Lebanese pediatrician who accompanied the children to the United States. The group was greeted by a large crowd of well-wishers in Pittsburgh, as they made their way to the Mansour Medical Center in Jeannette, Pensylvania, for preliminary medical evaluations.

Dr. Issa said seven of the 13 injured were wounded in the savage Israeli air attacks during last summer's invasion. The others sustained injuries during various outbreaks of civil strife as far back as 1975.

Dr. James Zogby, executive director of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee which began the Save Lebanon campaign last year to sponsor war-injured chil-dren to the United States for treatment, said the program began as the result of a request from a Lebanese doctor.

"In the midst of the war, a call came to us from a doctor in Beirut," he said. "She said, Could someone help us, especially the children? They are suffering so much.' Today we can answer, 'Yes, we can help'."

As Dr. Zogby spoke to reporters at a press conference, 4-year-old Abir Solh clung shyly to her mother. Other children sat by in wheelchairs or stood on crutches.

Fatmen Ghazzawi, a 17-year old Palestinian amputee, told of her experience during the massacre at the Sabra refugee camp in Beirut last September. Speaking through an interpreter, she told reporters, "I was outside

of my door when a cousin said that my other cousin, Samir, was shot. She told me to get him; he is lying on the ground.

"I went with my cousin and a young man to get him. However, the young man said, 'You had better go alone. You are a girl, and they won't hurt you'."

Fatmeh said as she crossed the street she was hit by bullets, "They shot and killed the young man and another cousin - the one who told me about Samir," she said. "We were not picked up until the next day."

The wounds Fatmeh suffered during the massacre necessitated amputation of her left leg below the knee. She will receive an artificial leg and undergo physical therapy in the United States.

The group also includes brothers Ali and Ahmed Dbouk, 11 and 13 years old respectively. Both have severe burn scars on their hands. They were burned while fighting a fire

who were being wounded." said Dr. Zogby. "We did not want to stand by. We could not stand by." He said the Arab-American community responded nationwide to the Save Lebanon campaign "with everything from raffles in New Orleans to lentil and rice dinners in Utica, New York and Houston, Texas. Thousands of Arab-Americans worked to raise funds to make Save Lebanon a reality." Dr. Zogby estimated that the campaign has raised \$250,000 so far.

"I am happy they brought me and my chil-dren here," said Saneih Dbouk, Ali and Ahmed's mother. "I thank everyone for the help to bring me here." Mrs. Dbouk is one of the three parents who accompanied their children to the United States.

Seventeen more children in need of specialized treatment are expected during the



CLIMBING STEPS: Climbing the steps at the Kennedy International Airport is 16-year old Majid Khreis who is on his way to Pittsburgh for preliminary examination. Right: ters how she was shot while trying to save her cousin during the massacre at the Sabra camp.

Asian labor still victims of outside manipulations

By Adlai J. Amor

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MANILA (Depthnews) — Asian labor unions still have a long way to go in expanding its membership to cover the workers of the region. According to a Depthnews survev. the bulk of the region's labor force still has to join a union.

Although unionism was introduced in the region as early as in the 1920s, it did not register substantial growth until 50 years later. The growth of labor unions was largely due to be growing industrialization of Asia.

One of the most impressive growths in unionism has been registered by Thailand. With only 9 unions in 1972, the country now has 373 unions. Thai unions, however, have only 203,000 members or one percent of the

total workforce. The Depthnews survey — which covered India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Burma, Nepal and Indonesia — shows that the largest unions in Asia can be found in India. However, they only cover 35 percent or 4 million

of the country's total workforce.
In the Philippines and Burma, only one in every 10 laborers is a union member. Before the government declared martial law in 1982, about seven out of every 10 Bangladeshi

workers were union members. Although Asian labor unions still have a long way to go, they have grown to such extent that governments can no longer ignore them. While some labor unions have managed to remain independent, the bulk of the

region's unions have accepted an uneasy

truce with, if not outright control by, their

The relations between unions and governments vary from the very independent outlook of the Malaysian Trade Union Congress (MTUC) to the meek, governmentcontrolled Burmese Workers Organization. In Malaysia, reports Depthnews corres-

pondent Li Shui-hua, labor relations which had been frosty and based on mutual distrust -- seem about to improve. Recently, the MTUC declared that the "era of confrontation was over." It has offered to promote better ties with the government.

The change of heart is apparently due to what the MTUC regards as a move toward more liberal policies by Prime Minister Danık Seri Mahathir Muhammad.

The situation in nearby Indonesia is different. Organized labor is under the control of the Federasi Buruh Seluruh Indonesia (All Indonesia Labor Federation). The union, which is different from the previous politically-oriented ones, is the only labor body recognized by the government.

The desire of many Asian governments to control labor unions is understandable. Historically, labor unions have played key roles in the liberation of Asian countries from their colonial masters.

In more recent times, they have played crucial roles in changes in government throughout the region. This largely stems from their very strong political orientation. The 300,000-member Ceylon Workers Congress (CWC), for example, played a crucial role in harnessing the ballots of the

Tamil-speaking plantation workers for incumbent President Julius Jayewardene. The CWC president, S. Thondaman, is also

now a high-ranking government official.

Other labor leaders, however, have not been so lucky. Late last year, the socialist-leaning Philippine labor leaders Felixberto Olalia and Bonifacio Tupaz were arrested for

Olalia is head of the 500,000-member Kilusang Mayo Uno (May First Movement) while Tupaz heads the Trade Unions of the Philippines and Allied Services. Tupaz' union is affiliated with the Soviet-backed World

Federation of Trade Unions. But what governments and private enterprises fear most are the strikes initiated by labor unions, often resulting in major economic losses. Sri Lanka, with 1,180 labor

unions, had 308 strikes in 1981.

The strikes involved 216,000 of the slightly over a million labor union members. This

resulted in losses of 465.026 working days. The biggest strike so far in Asia is in Bombay, India which has been going on since early 1982. Observers say that the strike leader, Dr. Datta Samant and his independent union, Maharastra Girni Kamdar

Union, could demolish the monopoly of other trade unions in the country. Sixty textile mills unions have gone on strike since Jan. 2, 1982 and some 58.5 working days have been lost. Already, some 250,000 workers are involved and losses have exceeded the \$100 million mark.

But what has been bad for Bombay's textile mills has been good for the other textile

mills in the country. It has, in effect, arrested

the recession in the textile industry.

Several Asian governments, with the encouragement of the International Labor Organization, have encouraged labor unions to sit down at the bargaining table and map out individual collective bargaining agreements. Strikes would then become the last

Collective bargaining has proven quite effective in the Philippines, despite the fact that there were 155 strikes in 1982. Last year's strikes involved nearly 54,000 work-

But this is 40 percent less than the number of strikes the previous years. The decline was attributed to effective mediation methods and growing understanding of the difficulties

companies are facing.

The number of strikes for 1983, however. is expected to increase, according to the Philippine Ministry of Labor and Employment. Sources say that it may be the result of the rampant underpayment or non-payment

of cash benefits due to the workers. The same upward trend is predicted by Depthnews' Prakash Chandra for India. He reports that the working days lost due to strikes in 1982 have already exceeded the previous record of 43 million in 1979. While more strikes are predicted for the Philippines and India in 1983, reports from other countries indicate that there may be less strikes in

the region for 1983. Asian labor union leaders, however, interpret this downtrend in strikes as a general weakening of the labor sector.

Book review

Jordan at the crossroads

JORDAN, Crossroads of Middle East-ern Events, by Peter Gubser, Westview Press, Boulder, Colorado; 139 pages; \$

By Grace Halsell

Dr. Peter Gubser, president of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), takes an up-to-date look at the country that sits at the heart of the overriding problem of that region of the world, the Arab-Israeli conflict, in his

Palestinians represent over half of the population of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. And a high proportion of the Palestimian Jordanians have fundamentally different national aims from those of the East Jordanians. Many of the Palestinians, who in the 1940s fled under Israeli gunfire across the Jordan River, continue to live in refugee camps. They represent more than 10 percent of Jordan's population today.

After the 1974 Arab summit conference in

Rabat, King Hussein and all Arab states recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, King Hussein has not, however, dropped Jordan's claim of sovereignty over the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Jordan leaves the question of the future relationship of the West Bank to Amman officially open, theoretically assuming anything possible, from complete union to loose federation to independent state-

While taking this position, the Amman government keeps on saying that the Palestinians of the West Bank have the right of self-determination.

Dr. Gubser, who previous to becoming ANERA president was Ford Foundation project specalist in Lebanon and later in Jordan, points out that King Hussein seeks a comprehensive peace on all fronts with Israel that would include withdrawal from occupied territories by the Israelis and guarantees for all parties. The Amman government rejects the Camp David process and looks to a comprehensive peace plan for the Middle East in which the United States, the European Community and the Soviet Union are all involved.

As informal spokesman for the moderate Arab countries, a status conferred on the king at the Amman summit of November 1980, Hussein and his leading representatives have increased their public advocacy of this comprehensive approach. Dr. Gubser says that King Hussein has not severed connections with the West Bank and its population for several reasons. "Like his grand-father, King Abdullah, he has a sense of Arab nationalism that does not allow him to focus solely on parochial, Amman-centered interests. And as a Hashemite descendant of the Prophet Muhammad, he feels a duty to defend the holy city of Jerusalem. Additionally, a vivid youthful memory of his grandfather's assassination at the Grand Mosque of Jerusalem undoubtedly reinforces the king's attachment to the West Bank and especially Jerusalem. Finally, it is only natural that King Hussein does not want to go down in history as the Arab Muslim leader who lost Jerusalem in war and then proceeded to drop all claims and ties to it."

Unlike many Arab countries, Jordan has not discovered abundant petroleum reserves. Poor in all natural resources, soil, rainfall and dent on the West in the past for economic largess and political support. Now, with Arab sources of assistance. Jordan "is reorienting its foreign policy accordingly," Dr. Gubser

The military, with more than 100,000 men, represents a significant proportion of the labor force and population. The king pays very special attention to the military and its needs. He visits the bases frequently and these visits are widely publicized. In return, the military "retains its strong loyalty to the throne." The state, under King Hussein's leadership, has created an environment in which people feel they may personally advance and feel personally secure." Dr. Gubser reports. He adds that King Hussein is 'thought by most to be personally honest."



King Hussein of Jordan

Although still in need of financial resources for its ambitious development program. Jordan has a few revenueproducing resources of its own: extractive industries have been built for phosphates. located in Rusaifa. Hasa and Shidiya. While this mineral, used as a fertilizer, has been mined since the 1930s, Jordan in the 1960s embarked on a major program to exploit it to a much greater degree.

Although liquid petroleum has not been found, oil shale is available in widely dispersed areas, and Jordan is investigating ways to exploit this shale. Potash is abundant in the Dead Sea and Israelis now extract it. Jordan currently is starting production from its side in the single most expensive industrial project in its history. Jordan also contains - but has not as yet exploited - limited quantities of certain ores, such as copper, manganese and

Of most importance. Dr. Gubser tells his readers, " are Jordan's human resources.' Stating that the country's emphasis on education and the efforts of UNRWA have paid off in substantial and tangible, ways, he points out that "Jordanians now working in the oil-producing countries are sending back very substantial remittances to Jordan. In turn, they are providing services... they run and provide the technical backup for televiand operate computers." Also, retired Jordanian military and police officials fill vital posts and play a role in training efforts.

In this manner, Gubser writes, " Jordan has been able to contribute substantially to internal stability (and) Arabian Gulf sec-

China reverses trend toward state ownership

PEKING (LAT) — In an effort to revive the entrepreneurial spirit, the government of China is starting to lease small, state-owned shops to groups of workers and even individuals to be run more or less as private

Workers at thousands of small state enterprises, ranging from restaurants and grocery stores to barbershops and hardware stores, will be permitted to take over their management from local governments, paying an agreed fee for use of the assets plus taxes on their profits. Later, plans call for employees of such small businesses as auto-repair, welding and woodworking shops to be allowed to

take over those enterprises on a similar basis. Almost all the enterprises will be small, employing not more than 20 persons and probably having less than \$10,000 worth of business a month, but the program reverses the drive toward total state ownership and central planning since the Communist Party came to power in 1949.

The Chinese goal appears, in fact, to be removing the government from day-to-day operations of the tens of thousands of small enterprises, particularly in the retail and service sectors, that it either took over or established in the last three decades. State ownership and central planning will remain in effect in major industries, Chinese economists say, adding that there has been no real retreat from socialism, but if these new experiments succeed they could spread to some medium-

sized enterprises.

Premier Zhao Ziyang, outlining China's five-year economic development plan, said such "diversified forms of operation" would be introduced methodically over the next three years among small, state-owned enterprises as one of several major reforms. For the workers, it will probably mean higher incomes as well as the satisfaction of becoming their own bosses, according to reports in the Chinese press. For the state, it means considerable simplification of bureaucracy and perhaps relief from the continued losses incurred by many poorly run enterprises.

The program has been tried experimentally in a dozen Chinese cities over the last year, according to economists here. In the city of Changzhou in Jiangsu province in central east China, 47 percent of the shops went on the new system last summer. The first big sten was taken Jan. 1, when Shanghai began turning over a large portion of its stores to the workers - some of whom owned them liberalizing its regulations on collectively run enterprises.

For the last four years, groups of workers have been encouraged under a series of economic reforms to set up and run their own collectively owned businesses, and individuals, now totaling about 2.5 million nationwide, have been permitted to become selfemployed, generally as traders or as cobblers, tailors, locksmiths, radio repairmen and such.

But the policy goes much further, calling for the handing over of state enterprises to workers' collectives and private entrepreneurs in a systematic devolution of economic management. In Peking, 400 stores and restaurants are being turned over to their employees to run, and there are plans to turn over several hundred more later this year if the first effort succeeds.

The devolution in the economy's commercial and service sectors is the first step, and it is being matched with the freeing of state price controls on 166 consumer items ranging from bicycle parts and cooking utensits to hairpins, shockness and buttons.
The Communist Party newspaper People 's

Daily recently cited the success of three bar-bershops in the Shandong province capital of Jinan to show how the new system of collective or private management will work. The shops' employees now pay the city corpora-tion that owned them a fixed fee for use of the premises, fixtures and hair-cutting instru-ments. Their salaries, fringe benefits such as medical care and operating costs come out of the balance of the revenues.

The effect of the change, the paper reported, is that the workers' incomes are now directly tied to how much work they do and how successful their business is. Most Chinese barbers get state-set salaries regardless of how much work they do, and the resulting bad service discourages many Chinese from getting frequent haircuts. Since that report, Chinese newspapers have carried other accounts of this economic devolution - how theater and opera troupes have been taken off the state payroll and told to become self-supporting, how truck drivers in Canton have pooled their savings and bought new trucks and taken away the business of their old companies through better services, how farmers at one rural commune have begun selling bean curd and other soybean products through much of the country in competition with state enterprises and how retired teachers have set up private schools.

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SELLING YOUR CAR

THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF SELLING THE CAR CAN VARY ENORMOUSLY DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU ARE SELLING - COMPARE AN ORDINARY, STEADILY DEPRECIATING, FAMILY CAR WITH A SPECIALIST SPORTS CAR THAT MAY BE GOING UP IN VALUE OR A PETROL-GUZZLING MONSTER THAT NOBODY WILL TOUCH . BUT THE BASIC POINTS -TO-REMEMBER ARE ALWAYS THE SAME :-

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AND BEFORE THE CAR STARTS TO LOOK

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ASK A REALISTIC PRICE

YOU'LL WASTE TIME ADVERTISING OR DEMONSTRATING A CAR THAT IS OVERPRICED. WHETHER YOU'RE SELL: ING PRIVATELY, TO A DEALER OR AT AUCTION, FIND OUT FROM CAR ADVERTISEMENTS AND MOTORING MAGS THE VALUE OF YOUR CAR'S MAKE, MODEL AND YEAR, THE PRIVATE SALE VALUE SHOULD THEN BE REDUCED BY 20-30 % TO GIVE THE PRICE YOU CAN EXPECT FROM A DEALER . IF AUCTIONING, TAKE THE AUCTIONEERS ADVICE.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS DON'T HAND OVER THE CAR OR LOG BOOK UNTIL BUYER'S CHEQUE IS CLEARED.

Through tax exemption

U.S. plan to subsidize exports under study

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) - President Ronald Reagan's administration is discussing with members of Congress a new plan to subsidize the sale of U.S. goods abroad by a partial tax exemption, Trade Representative William E. Brock said Tuesday.

Last year the United States imported goods worth \$42.7 billion more than it exported, and the deficit is expected to rise to \$60 billion this year. The new plan provides for exporters to set up special corporations abroad. It has been estimated that about 19 percent of the combined income earned from exports by such a corporation and the founding company at home would be exempt from U.S. tax.

"The toughest problem," Brock told reporters, "is the participation of small and middle-sized business in a simple and straight forward way."

He acknowledged that it would be a large expense for such firms to set up operations in another country. This will have to be discussed further with Congress, he said. Congressional action would be needed to set up the

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The statement said the council has

reviewed studies and documents about joint

economic, social and political programs and

projects and has laid down general

framework for implementation during the

next ten years. This framework would pro-

vide guidelines for technical committees to

carry out studies and submit recommenda-

In the sphere of infrastructure, the council

has decided to promote river transport bet-

ween Aswan in Egypt and Wadi Halfa in

The council has also decided to take steps

for improving aerial transport by increasing

flights and land transport by building a

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The council has agreed to carry out coordi-

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fodder, meat and poultry.

KHARTOUM, Feb. 23 (AP) - Sudan and Egypt decided Tuesday to abolish customs on most of their exchanged commodities effective next March.

A joint statement following the first meeting of the Sudanese-Egyptian Supreme Council of Integration said the decision was designed to remove restrictions on trade exchange between the two countries.

The statement said the decisions aimed to reach "the economic integration goals of widening trade exchange between the two countries to the maximum possible extent."

The supreme council is the highest of several bodies provided for in an "integration charter" signed last Oct. 12 for close political, economic and social policy coordination over

The council has also instructed technical committee for constitutional and legislative affairs to revise laws in the two countries to ensure freedom of movement, ownership, employment and residence of nationals of one country in the other. The committee should finish this task before mid-April and submit relevant recommendations to the sup-

The plan would replace the present "domestic international sales corporations" - known from the initials as DISCS, which enabled American businessmen to save billions on their U.S. income taxes. These corporations could be set up without the need of an actual foreign headquarters.

DISCS have been found to be in violation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which groups 88 countries.

Both Republican and Democratic administrations have supported the DISC on the ground that it was needed to meet competition from other important trading countries which subsidize their exports by rebating taxes. The difference is that many of these countries get most of their revenues from varieties of sales tax. Such rebates are permitted under GATT.

The new foreign trading corporations would be designed to conform with GATT rules. Brock spoke to reporters after testifying about GATT before the subcommittee on trade of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives.

West's aluminum output increases

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Western world primary aluminum production showed a slight 0.7 percent increase in January 1983 compared with December 1982, and on a daily basis a similar improvement was noted. the latest figures from the International Primary Aluminum Institute have showed.

Elsewhere, the institute revised its figure for total world production in 1982 to 10,476,000 metric tons, compared with a previous estimate of 10.474,000 metric tons. due to a 200,000-ton increase in the production figure for south Asia. (from 625,000 to 627.000 tons).

While total January production in Africa (up 2.5 percent on December, at 40,000 tons), North America (up 1.1 percent at 345.00 tons). Latin America (up 4.2 percent at 73,000 tons) and Oceania (up two percent at 51,000 tons) showed marginal increases. that in east Asia (down four percent at 23,000 tons) and south Asia down 3.4 percent at 56,000 tons declined slightly. European production remained unchanged at 268.000 tons.

ILO study shows

Employment chances brighter in smaller cities

MANILA, Feb. 23 (Depthnews) -Employment opportunities are more favorable and the lifestyle more tolerable in cities with not more than 600,000 inhabitants.

The opposite obtains in cities with 2 million or more populations and this stark fact of modern life should impel city planners in both the developed and developing worlds to opt for smaller urban centers than the jumbo type.

The suggestion comes from a study commissioned by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and conducted by Prof. Paul Bairoch of the University of Geneva in Switzerland.

Data analyzed by the study shows that living conditions, employment opportunities, incomes and labor productivity all rise and fall with city size. Prof. Bairoch reports that there are certain threshold limits to city size beyond which several urban problems assume serious proportions. He cities the following findings:

The crime rate takes a turn for the worse in an urban center where there are more than a million residents. When a city's population reaches the 200,000 mark, the vehicular traffic situation becomes congested requiring local governments to invest heavily in the transport sector to prevent paral-

Housing starts becoming a nightmare of a problem when the city size reaches half a million and rapid deterioration of such a

situation starts with a million population. Pollution is a threat to health of residents of cities with more than 600,000 inhabitants in countries within the temperate zone and 500,000 in the tropic or hotter climates.

Prof. Bairoch adds that "there are also many other aspects of conditions of life there, in cities of 500,000 to 1 million inhabitants, either the advantages cease to grow or the disadvantages become very pronounced."

Random samples ticked off by the professor include education, sales systems and services, political participation, cost of urban infrastructure and services, social isolation and mental health.

The study also found that employment and its diversity increase with the size of cities though such a curve is not linear. An example offered are firms which produce semi-manufactured items, industrial and household goods, they are located in towns

which hold populations of 100,000 or less. Medium-sized cities or those with 100,000 to 500,000 inhabitants were

observed by the study as attractive to indus-

tries which deal in specialized capital goods, food production and the more laborintensive such as garments, furniture, chem-

ical products and others. However, Prof. Bairoch stresses that diversity and types of employment cease to increase when size of cities reaches the million or more population except in certain cases due to the employment of women in the service sector.

He says that rough estimates show that "at each doubling of the size of cities there is an increase in the region of 1 to 2 percent in real incomes" which is also true for smaller cities up to a certain extent.

Differences in real incomes between cities of 300,000 to 500,000 inhabitants and those with 2 to 3 million populations were computed the study as ranging from 3 to 6 percent. This advantage is ordered by the higher cost of living in the bigger cities.

Turning to industrial productivity, he says that this, too, appears to rise with city size but hits a plateau or ceiling when population becomes 2 to 3 million.

The professor cites a very tight and highly competitive job market, high crime rate, impossible housing situation, and earnings rapidly eaten away by soaring costs of living

Financial system seen giving way under debt load

BOGOTA, Colombia, Feb. 23 (AP) — The world's imancial system is on the brink of collapse because of the inability of some Latin American countries to pay their debts, a Latin American economist said in a speech published Tuesday.

The economist, Carlos Alzamora, secretary-general of the Latin American Economic System, noted that the foreign debt of all Latin America and the Caribbean has reached \$300 billion

"At a level of \$20 billion the problem of the foreign debt of Latin America would be easy to resolve in a session of the International Monetary Fund," Alzamora said.

Alzamora made his remarks Monday in a speech in Cartagena to economic specialists from 32 countries preparing for a conference

starting Friday The conference will be attended by the assistant foreign minister of Cuba and the foreign minister of Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Colombia, Jamaica, Peru and Ecuador.

The delegates will prepare the position on Latin America and the Caribbean for a June meeting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and

BP, Total win deal to tap Qatar gas

PARIS, Feb. 23 (AFP) — British Petroleum and Companie Française des Petroles (Total) have won a \$4 to \$6 billion project to

(Lotat) have won a Neto No billion project to exploit Gatar's grant offshore North Dome gasfield. Total sources have said.

They said that the French and British companies had won the project in the face of competition from two major oil companies. Shell and Exton. as well as from Wintershall of West Germany and Roy Endington of the United States.

The North Dome field to the northeast of Qatar was discovered in 1972. It has reserves estimated at 6,000 billion cabic meters, and a potential daily output of six million tons of natural liquidities deal is expected to be signed soon. It will probably allow for the

creation of a new company, of which Qatar will controller ween 80 and 85 percent, with BP and Foral splitting the balance of the share

shared. Quantity thief Ali Jaidah said recently that no contracts had yet been signed.

With oil prices falling Japan may attain 3.4% growth

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (AFP) - The oil price drop, now expected to become general, could help Japan approach its growth target of 3.4 percent this year.

The Economic Planning Agency has worked out that a 10 percent drop in crude oil rates would give a boost of 0.23 percentage points to growth in the initial year and 0.62 in the second year. At present the drop seems likely to be \$4 a barrel, or about 12 percent.

For Japan the oil fall means lower interest rates, due to the yen's improvement, so that companies will tend to invest more while the public consumes more. Assuming 10 percent down on oil, the

payments surplus should rise by \$2.2 billion. as the oil bill accounts for one-third of Japan-However, this reduction will have some

negative effects: A fall in the purchasing power of the oil producing countries would affect Japanese exports just when the yen is

According to the Economic Planning

countries would decline 1.27 percent in the first year and 2.33 percent in the second year after a drop of 10 percent in crude oil rates.

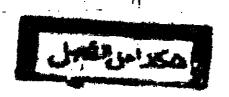
Japanese importers had expected the easing of oil rates and have tended to hold up imports. In January oil imports fell 13.4 percent from the December figure to 17,765,000 barrels. This was the lowest monthly figure since January 1970, provisional statistics from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry show. The ministry announced Tuesday. Japan's

industrial production last year registered its lowest ever annual growth in seven years in the face of sluggish demand. It added industrial shipments slipped back on the previous year for the first time in seven years.

The index of mining and manufacturing stood at 148.4 against the 1974 base figure of 100, up only 1.1 percent from 1981 and that of shipments fell by 0.1 percent to 139.7. the







Schmidt says

U.S. must lead war against recession

must take the lead in an onslaught on world recession, former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said Wednesday.

If the United States renounced its economic leadership, its political leadership would also be lost, he said.

Presenting an article to be published in six major Eastern newspapers, Schmidt said unless governments worked together, the world economy might slide into persistent depression for the second time this century. "Cooperation between North America. Japan and the European Economic Community is decisive for the wellbeing of the world economy," he said.

Schmidt, a Social Democrat who held the West German leadership for eight years until last October, wrote the article in collaboration with Manfred Lahnstein, finance minister in the final months of his government.

He said that when leaders of the top seven Western industrial nations - the U.S. ,Canada, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain and Italy - meet in May at Williamsburg, Virginia, concerted action must be at

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Dutch Guilder (100)	129.50	128.70
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.11
Emirates Dirbam (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	50.70	50.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.25	41.30
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Japanese Yeu (1,000)	15.30	14.75
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Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.95
Philippines Peso (100)		36.62
Pound Sterling	5.28	5.24
Qazari Riyal (100)	95.00	94.70
Singapore Dollar (100)		166.13
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Foremost among measures needed to stop the slide into world depression must be a further cut in real interest rates - the margin between nominal interest rates and inflation.

As long as companies could earn a higher return by putting money into financial markets than into production, the whole financial system was threatened, Schmidt said.

U.S. interest rates must lead the way down. he said. Steps by the Reagan administration to reduce its huge budget deficits were not enough to inspire confidence that a change from present high rates was on the way. The budget deficits had boosted the dollar

artificially, leading to "a phenomenal curtailment," of U.S. exports and increasing American protectionism. Measures such as Japan's voluntary curb on car imports to the U.S. were only camouf-

laged protectionism, Schmidt said, adding that "protectionism is strangling the world He called for greater international supervision of the world financial system, while the

International Monetary Fund and the World Bank should be strengthened. Governments and banks should work for more stable currency markets and coordinate

relations between creditor and debtor Commercial banks, he added, need an early warning system to signal problems among debtors. But despite the \$600 billion foreign debt mountain run up by developing nations, a credit cut-off would be fatal.

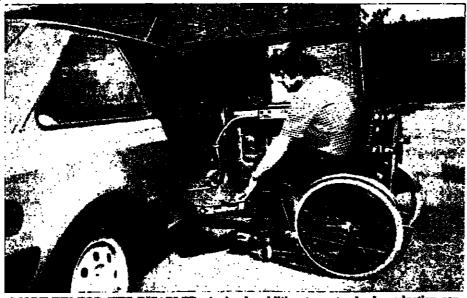
U.S. changes mind over quitting IAEA

VIENNA, Feb. 23 (AP) — The United States is staying in the International Atomic Energy Agency despite warnings last year that it might withdraw over criticism of Israel,

said U.S. Ambassador Richard T. Kennedy. However, he served notice to agency's board of governors that the United States "will be watching carefully" for signs of political wrangling that have nothing to do with the organization's job, which is to promote peaceful uses of atomic power and safeguard against diversion of atomic fuel for weapons.

Kennedy was here for a regular meeting of the agency's board of governors. He deli-vered his statement at the first of the closed sessions Tuesday, and the agency made it available on Wednesday.

The United States" is prepared to renew its commitment to the IAEA and its important programs." Kennedy said. American contributions amount to about 25 percent of the annual budget of \$86.4 million.



MOBILITY FOR THE DISABLED: A simple addition to a standard production car provides unaided access for chairborne disabled and elderly people without them having to leave the wheelchair. No ramps or conspicuous alternations to the vehicle are needed, and the chair literally becomes part of the car. The Freelancer is simply fitted as an accessory option to either the driver or passenger side of the latest Ford Escort without affecting its

Based on stimulating output

Soviets launch anti-inflation plan

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (AFP) - Soviet leader Yuri Andropov Wednesday launched an anti-inflation program based on stimulating production and controlling wages so as to balance supply and demand.

In a long theoretical article to appear in the next issue of the Review Kommunist and reported by Tass news agency Wednesday, Andropov indicated that economic reforms are being studied.

The aim was to " extend the vast field of action of colossal creative forces" available to the economy. Andropov, who at no time used the words economic reform, stressed at length, however, the need to take concrete, " carefully elaborated and realistic" measures firmly in line with the Socialist economic

Once such measures had been taken, they must not be " abandoned mid-way." This was seen as a reference to 1965 reforms, reviewed in 1977, which have been only partially applied.

Referring to the Leninist tradition, he declared that " verything which is decided must be carried out." Andropov referred several times to the Marxist theory that the value of exchange of a particular item represents the amount of labor expended, but acknowledged that this principle had been for-

This had caused a real imbalance between supply and demand of goods were not distributed in close coordination with output, problems inevitably arose.

Stressing that there was a limit to what could be provided, he said that to redress the situation he had concentrated firstly on growth and production, and from this base on improving material and cultural living stan-

This policy would permit elimination of production shortfalls, Andropov said, indicating that the measures were also intended to outdo the flourishing black market in goods on the state market.

However, Andropov did not mention another aspect of economic policy — adjustment of some prices - which has not yet been announced officially.

Defining the objectives of the Socialist economy, Andropov said that contrary to capitalism, it was based on the interests of the workers. This combination of personal and general interests was the driving force behind economic growth, and " the strengthening of the economic and defensive power of the

U.K. watermen call off strike

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP) — Union leaders called off Britain's month-long water and sewerage strike after agreement was reached on a deal giving 29,000 workers a 10.5 percent hike on basic wages spread over 16

The deal is seen as a setback for the Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and its tight-money policies aimed at limiting public sector pay hikes to around 4.5 or 5 percent.

Union leaders on Tuesday night told the strikers to return to work Thursday morning. The workers face a backlog of work repairing burst water mains and carrying out other essential maintenance work that has left some 91,000 homes and businesses without direct water supply and forced 8.25 million Britons to boil their drinking water.

Dollar regains lost ground

Financial Reundey

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 - The dollar recovered with a vengeance on the Wednesday markets in Europe after storming against all the major currencies the previous night in New York. The sudden and dramatic turnaround caught a lot of operators by surprise but the sheer size of movement against some currencies was unparalleled for the past few months.

The German mark which had been trading quietly at 2.3950 levels Tuesday was trading at 2.4390 levels Wednesday - the sharpest one-day fall for the mark in the past year. The Japanese yen fell back by 400 points to trade 236.80 levels, while the French franc was weaker at 6.8900 levels from 6.7600 levels Tuesday.

The British pound fell back another one cent to trade at around 1.5135 levels from 1.5260 on Tuesday with the pound being affected by the news out of Riyadh that the GCC states and Iraq were considering in principle cutting the price of their oil. Until the situation is clarified next week when another OPEC oil ministers' meeting is being planned, the British pound will come under pressure on the exchanges.

The markets will be watching to see if the Bank of England will come to the intervention of the pound later Friday or early next

In the New York money markets as well as in Europe on Wednesday, dollar interest rates continued to be relatively steady and did not seem to be affected by the almost panicky trading on the exchange markets.

Eurodollar interest rates were quoted at around 8 13/16 — 8 15/16 percent for the one-year tenor --- only 1/16 percent higher, while the one-year rate was slightly depressed at around the 9 1/2 percent level compared with 9 % percent Tuesday.

The sudden and abrupt rise of the dollar on the exchange markets caused confusion on the bullion markets with gold and silver prices dropping sharply. Gold traded around \$480 an ounce — down from \$502 on Tuesday, in the sharpest one-day drop

Silver prices were down by almost 70 cents to trade at \$13.72 an ounce over Tuesday prices. Bullion dealers described in as one of the most chaotic days seen yet with buyers and sellers not exactly sure why the price floor had caved in so much. The fall in world oil prices has triggered a fear that other commodity and bullion prices were now bound to drop soon.

The local markets reacted as if nothing was happening around them. Riyal deposit levels were steady at 6 1/4 - 7 1/4 percent on average for short-dated funds, while the week-fixed was traded at 6 1/4 - 6 1/4 percent levels. Spot riyal/dollar exchange rates were sharply up over Tuesday levels to trade at 3.4400-10 on Thursday.

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Growth may exceed target -- Shultz

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) - U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz predicted that the U.S. economy will expand more rapidly than President Ronald Reagan's budget projections indicate, but a key lawmaker said the United States must guard against a worldwide recession.

Shultz, an economist and former secretary of the treasury, testified before the Senate Budget Committee on behalf of the administration's proposals for foreign aid and related

"It appears to me personally that the growth projections in the president's budget will be exceeded," Shultz said. "Interest rates are down, inflation is down, inventories are depleted. Basically an expansionary set of policies is in place.

Shultz renewed his plea last week to House and Senate committees on international affairs for approval of the administration's agreement to increase the U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by

"The international economy is too vulnerable to permit a continued decline in lending to the Third World," he said. "Western governments, including our own have a stake in seeing that the developing countries have sufficient capital to pay for imports of goods and services that will enhance their productivity, and contribute to world economic expan-

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday, the U.S. economy was declining less rapidly than previously estimated in the final quarter of last year.

The report said economic activity — as measured by inflation-adjusted gross national product — declined at an annual rate of 1.9 percent in the fourth quarter rather than the 2.5 percent rate estimated last month. The 1.8 percent decline for the year did not change. That was the biggest one-year drop since 1946.

The main reason for the quarterly change was a revision in the fourth-quarter inflation

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SYDNEY

In One-Day International

Turner, Edgar pilot Kiwis to easy victory

WELLINGTON, Feb. 23 (AFP) - New Zealand never gave England the slightest chance when they knocked up victory by a stunning 103 runs in the One-Day Cricket International against the tourists at the Basin Reserve here Wednesday.

The win was prepared by New Zealand openers Glenn Turner (94) and Bruce Edgar (60), who put on a New Zealand record for an opening partnership One-Day stand of 152. New Zealand scored an enormous 295 for six off their allotted 50 overs, while England's reply petered out at 192.

Turner, who scored his 94 off the same number of balls, was again judged man of the match, after winning the award in the first tie of the series of three One-Day games. New Zealand skipper Geoff Howarth sent tailend batsman Lance Cairns in after the opening partnership was broken and the big hitter

obliged with a quick 44. England struggled from the start in chasing almost six runs an over, and once Ian Botham (15) and David Gower (2) were dismissed,

New Zenland: G. Turner b Willis B. Edgar run out L. Cairns b Willis J. Wright b Miller
G. Howarth c Botham
J. Coney not out
J. Morrison b Botham W. Lees not out 295

Bewing: Wills 9-0-54-2; Jackman 10-2-38-1; Miller 10-0-51-1; Botham 7-0-46-1; Marks 7-0-34-0; Pringle 7-0-57-0. C.J. Tavare c Howarth b Chatfield

offered any resistance, top scoring with 46 and combining with Vic Marks (27) to put on 52 for the seventh-wicket.

One of the highlights of the England innings was a magnificent catch by Ewen Chatfield off his own bowling, when he grasped a hard hit straight drive by Gower. England captain Bob Willis blamed his bowlers for his team's poor showing, saying the attack was not up to international standard.

Howarth said the match had emphasized what a great player Turner is. He said Turner's innings and the quick knock by Cairns had set New Zealand up for the win.

"I lay the blame fair and square on the bowlers," said Willis. The English bowlers could never get on top of the New Zealanders, who were given a magnificent start by openers Turner and Bruce Edgar. They put on 152 for the first-wicket, setting a new partnership record for New Zealand in a limited over match against England.

Score -board I.T. Botham. c L s b Cairns D.I. Gower c and b Chatfield A.J. Lamb b Coney D.W. Randall c Howarth b Morrison G. Miller b Cairns U.J. Gould c Wright b Coney G. Miller b Cairns V.J. Marks c Socdden b Webb D.R. Pringle b Webb R.D. Jackman b Cairns

Bowling: Saedden 10-1-37-0; Cairus 10-0-38-3; Webb 7.5-0-27-2; Chatfield 7-1-28-2; Coney 5-0-17-2;

Vimpey records maiden win

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH. Feb. 23 - Laing Wimpey recorded their maiden victory in the Arabian Homes Squash League when they edged past Bell Canada 'A' 3-2 in the Valencia Division last weekend.

As the mid-season approaches, the fight for top honors in the Andulas, Toledo and Valencia Divisions is going to be close. In the Andulas division, three teams are sharing top berth with 35 points. Hochtief 'A' and Gray Mackenzie, two of the top teams, are scheduled to meet next week. in what promises to be a titanic duel.

In the matches of the division this week. Rio / BRGM 'A' scraped up a 3-2 win over Skanska S/A. Rio were pushed on the defensive with the surprising loss of their first string Max Maccerollo to Dominique Keenegher in a five-game thriller. Rio nearly lost out the clash when their second string Bjorn Nordwall allowed Skanska's Khalid Kashif to catch up from 0-8 to 8-8 in the decisive fifth game. Khalid, however, seemed to have lost heart after gaining those eight points as he squandred away the next two points and the

The tussle of the week, however, was the Ian Jameison-Adrian Thomson tie in the top of the table fight between Andulas Villa and Hochtief 'A'. Thomson was extended to the hilt by the gutsy Jameison before bowing out 10-8, 9-10, 10-8, 9-0. Hochtief's Alan James than put the visitors ahead after coming out on top of another sea-saw struggle with Richard Williams at first string. But comfortable straight games victory in the third, fourth and fifth strings by Clegg, Barnett and Herault saw Andulas Village through with a 3-2 score.

The Arabian Homes-Bedouins match was pushed to the decider, but Bedouins caused a ripple by conceding a walkover to Arabian Homes at fifth string. This swung the result in Arabian Homes' favor 3-2. The most exciting tie of the clash was between Joe Farringdon and Graham Sibley. The two displayed excellent control and corner shots before Farringdon produced the extra reserves to push Sibley over. Farringdon won at 10-9, 2-9, 4-9,

In the Cordoba Division II. Albilad 'A' turned in another good performance with a 5-0 whitewash of SAEC. maintaining a healthy 49-point lead at the top of the division. Sangmed 'B' also kept chase with Albilad 'A' with a 4-1 drubbing of Marbella. Sangmed could have made it a clean sweep had their fifth string C. Shepherd not faltered against J. Vanttoost after taking the first game. He lost at 9-4, 5-9, 3-9, 7-9.

Gray Mackenzie 'C' Gary Muir at first string won against Gordon Carson of Malaga 9-1. 7-9. 9-6. 9-5. and this proved to be the deciding victory in Gray Mackenzie's decision over Malaga in the Cadiz Division CII.

Andalus Division A: Rio/BRGM 'A' 3 Skanska S/A 2; Gray Mackenzie "A" 4 Murabustan "A" 1; Bedouins 2 Arabian Homes: A' 3; Andalus Village 3 Hochief 'A' 2. 5 KAIA 0; Sandi British Bank ! Binladin 4; Sogex 'B' 1

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Mackenzie 'C' 3 Malaga 2; IAL 3 Samba 'C' 2. Velencia Division Cili: Bell Canada 'A' 2 Laing Wimpey 3; AOPC 3 Arabian Homes 'B' 2; Sierra 4 Toyota 'A' 1; Murabustan 'B' 0 Albilad 'B' 5.



Pak Saudi lifts Alireza pennant

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 - Pak Saudi won the Alireza Cricket League pennant for the first time. But it was touch and go before they managed to etch their name on the trophy. The team which ran them close was Tihama. who from a seemingly hopeless position, gave Pak Saudi palpitations before succumbing by

The trophy looked to be in Pak Saudi's bag when Shahbaz led the run spree with a scintillating undefeated 127. This was his third century in the league. Shahbaz's effort along with Ajeet (35), Nisar (39) and Aizaz (30 not out) boost Pak Saudi's total to an imposing 270 for three in the allotted overs.

Tihama were on the verge of making things much easier to the last year's runner-up when they crashed to a dismal 75 for five against an accurate Pak Saudi attack. At this stage Hanif stepped in to revive Tihama's sagging morale. Hanif nearly single-handedly transformed the course of the game with a bright display of powerful batting.

Seven sixers and 15 boundaries were spread around lavishly in his breezy 144 before he fell to Rizwan's yorker while attempting another big hit. Hanif's exit saw Tihama fold up meekly, and Pak Saudi breathe a sigh of relief which mingled with elation. Rizwan finished with four for 62.

ACE registered a facile 145-run victory over Petromin for their second successive triumph of the season. With their batsmen showing grit and determination. ACE piled up 224 for seven in their guantam of 40 overs. Vali (75) emerged the top scorer, with Frank (35) and Yunus (38) pitching in. Frank then excelled with the ball to send Petromin tumbling for a paltry 89. Only Farid stood up valiantly against Frank's leg cutters for 41. The latter finished with a haul of five for 17.

Bank Aljazira conceded a walkover to Shalimar in the third scheduled tie of the

Windies hit by injuries on Test eve

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 23 (AFP) -The West Indies, worried about the fitness of their top batsman Vivian Richards, and leading fast bowler, Michael Holding, delayed naming their final team Tuesday for the first cricket Test against India.

Richards is expected to play despite the fact that his right thumb, tractured earlier in the season, has only just been removed from a plaster cast and is still sore. But Holding, who has taken 139 wickets in his 31 Tests and would be the strike bowler, will have to undergo a final fitness Test for a strained muscle Wednesday morning before a final decision will be taken.

The two injuries are a setback to the home team but they still remain strong favorites for

the match and the five Tests series, against an Indian side which has not won a Test in their

While the West Indies' 38-year-old captain Clive Lloyd leads his team for the 50th time in Test cricket, the Indian captain, dynamic 24-year-old Kapil Dev, will skipper India for Gavaskar as skipper after the Pakistan series.

ndia: Kapil Dev (Captain), S. Gavaskar, A. Gackwad,

West Indies (from): C. Lloyd (Captain), G. Greenidge, D. Haynes, V. Richards, L. Gomes, A. Logie, T. Payne, J. Dujon, M. Marshall, J. Garner, A. Roberts, M. Holding, W. Davis and R. Harper.

In British Championship

Robson out to bottle 'rush' of goals

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — England manager Bobby Robson has paid Welsh striker Ian Rush the compliment of naming a substitute specifically to match him for pace for the home championship Football International at Wembley here on Wednesday night should Liverpool's goalscoring sensation prove too quick for Terry Butcher and Alvin Martin.

Martyn Bennett, the tall, speedy 21-yearold West Bromwich Albion defender, is the man who could step from the touchline to win a first cap should the 25-goal Rush surge past the more experienced first-choice central defenders.

"I'm not saying that he will be too quick for them, but he is a thoroughbred among center forwards and Bennett gives us a safeguard," said Robson.

The England manager rates Rush as "good enough to get into the Italian attack alongside Rossi." But while Rush, the English First Division's leading scorer, and Fulham striker Gordon Davies, who has hit 15 goals so far this season, are among the league's in-form finishers, Robson believes his young midfield is capable of creating the sort of chances Paul Mariner and Luther Blissett can turn into goals, despite their patchy club form.

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"If we play the right football, I have no doubt that Mariner and Blissett will get into the recognized killer positions and knock the ball in," Robson said.

But the responsibility for creating those chances falls on a midfield with an average age of 23 and a total of only ten caps. "It is a young midfield, probably one of the least experienced that England have ever fielded." Robson admitted. "Usually there is at least one midfield player with 35 or so caps, but now Alan Devonshire's five makes him the senior man." Robson added: "But they all have plenty of First Division experience and that should stand them in good stead."

The England manager stressed that his young midfield quartet have the right balance and, if they knit together, they have the ability and the energy to stamp their authority on the match. Indeed, their very rawness in international terms could spice up a game that struggles to catch the imagination in the same way as the annual England-Scotland clash_

England - Peter Shilton (Southempton, captain): Phil Neal (Liverpool), Alvin Martin (West Ham), Terry Butcher (Ipswich), Derek Statham (West Bromwich), Sammy Lee (Liverpool), Gary Mabbutt (Tottenham), Gordon Cowans (Aston Villa), Alan Devonshire (West Ham), Luther Blissett (Watford). Paul Mariner (Ipswich).

Substitutes: Ray Clemence (Tottenham), Martyn Bennett (West Bromwich), Ricky Hill (Luton), Bryan Stein (Luton), John Barnes (Watford).

Wales: Neville Southall (Everton): Joey Jones (Chelsea, captain), Paul Price (Tottenham), Kenny Jackett (Watford), Kevin Ratcliffe (Everton), Robbie James (Swansea), Bryan Flynn (Burnley), John Mahoney (Swansea), Mickey Thomas (Stoke), Gordon Davies (Fulham), Ian Rush (Liverpool).

Substitutes: Dai Davies (Swansea), Nigel Vaughau (Newport), George Berry (Stoke), David Giles (Crystal Palace), Leighton James (Sunderland).

Shergar owners file \$28m damage suit IBI IN. Feb. 23. (R)—The owners of Shergar was due to have covered some 55 Times Wednesday as saying he doubted the

DUBLIN, Feb. 23, (R) — The owners of the champion racehorse Shergar, stolen two weeks ago, are claiming damages of 20 million Irish pounds (\$28 million) from an Irish local authority, the authority's spokesman said Wednesday...

The owners' syndicate lodged the malici-ous damages claim with Kildare County Council, which administers the region containing the Aga Khan's Ballymana Stud where Shergar was taken, the council spokesman said. The sum claimed represents nearly double the horse's nominal value, held in 34 shares of which the Aga Khan owns six, and appears to be based on estimated loss of stud fees if the horse has been killed or badly injured.

mares, at 70,000 pounds (\$ 96,000) a time, in the breeding season which began 10 days ago and lasts until the end of June. Stallions are usually active for between 10 and 12 years. Shergar, the 1981 English and Irish Derby winner, is regarded as one of the greatest modern raceborses. As the hunt for him entered its third week police said they had no new leads.

The damages claim is based on Ireland's malicious injuries act, which provides for compensation for damage to property. Claims must be lodged within two weeks of the incident and lawyers described the syndicate's demand as a "holding claim." One leading lawyers was quoted by the Irish claim would succeed, particularly as there was no evidence Shergar had been harmed.

An anonymous telephone caller in Northern Ireland claimed soon after Shergar was stolen that the horse had been out down after injuring himself. But there was no evidence the call was genuine. A Kildare County Council spokesman said it would fight the claim and the amount his to the

supreme court if necessary He said even if the case went against the council it would be liable only for a maximum of 120,000 pounds (\$165,000) and the state would pay the rest.

Shergar was tine to have covered some of Europe's most valuable horses this season

Irked Gloria quits, but Gloria, who managed Portugal in the 1966 World Cup, was brought back less than a year

LISBON, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Portugal soccer team chief Otto Gloria resigned Tuesday but said he would lead the squad in a friendly against West Germany and review the situation afterward.

Gloria, a 57-year-old Brazilian resigned because big clubs Benfica and Sporting withdrew the cream of players of his national squad. claiming they were ill or unfit. "The players are not to blame in this situation and I do not want to abandon them for the game. I will be on the bench during the game as an outgoing trainer and afterward will review the decission depending on what happens."

ago to prepare for the 1984 European Championships. With none of the big names in the match to attract attention, only about 50 of the 35,000 public tickets had been sold.

Meanwhile, Australia and Mexico were drawn to kick-off the second World Youth-Football Championship in Mexico City in The draw for 16 teams from six continents

> the European Youth Soccer Champions, and South Korea in the same group for the June 2-19 tournament. "I'm sure our boys will be quite nervous playing the opening match against the home team in the mammoth Aztec Stadium," Sir

made in Mexico City Tuesday place Scotland,

Arthur Leorge, the president of the Australian Soccer Association. said. The draw, watched by 1,500 spectators in the National Medical Center Auditorium.

drew mixed reactions from representatives of other countries taking part in the tournament, to be played i

The draw was as follows: Group 'A' - Australia, Mexico, Scotland,

- United States, Poland, Group 'B' Uruguay, Ivory Coast.

Group 'C' - Argentina, China, Czechoslovakia, Austria.

Group 'D' - Soviet Union, Nigeria, Netherlands, Brazil.

Barcelona advances MADRID, Feb. 23 (R) — West German midfielder Bernd Schuster celebrated his return from a three-match supension Tuesday night by scoring a goal to help Barcelona into the quarterfinals of the Spanish Soccer

against Celta in the 23rd minute of their third round second leg tie. Schuster, suspended after he was sent off in the goalless first leg. netted the second with a free-kick seven

Real Madrid, the holders also qualified, beating second division Cadiz 4-1 in extratime after a 1-1 stalemate in the 90 minutes of normal time. The first leg was 0-0.





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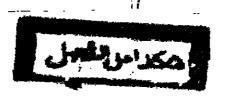
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As Woolridge spearheads the charge

Bulls knock glitter off Nuggets

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP) — When the Chicago Bulls and Denver Nuggers play, there had better be fresh light bulbs in the scoreboard.

scoreboard.
The two teams, ranked next-to-last and last in defense in the National Basketball Association, signed the nets for the second time this season Tuesday night, taking 213 thots before the Bulls prevailed 144-133 at Chicago Stadium.

The Bulls, who lost to fite Nuggers 132-124 in Denver in December, got 31 points from Orlando Woohridge and 23 from David Greenwood and Reggie Theus to offset 37 points by Kiki Vandeweghe and 31 from NBA scoring leader Alex English for Denver. Chicago outrebounded the Nuggers

Brian Hayward foils Islanders' victory attempt

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP) — Winnipeg rookie goaltender Brian Hayward turned aside 37 shots Tuesday night, including a pair of spectacular third-period saves within a span of five seconds, to preserve the Jets' 2-2 National Hockey League tie with the New York Islanders.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Minnesota's Brian Bellows scored two goals and Bobby Smith notched the chircher with just 43 seconds remaining to lift the North Stars to a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

Calgary goaltender Don Edwards and Lanny McDonald were the heroes, as the Flames crushed the Edmonton Oilers 4-1 action-packed game that erupted into a bloody bench-cleaning brawl.

Meanwhile the Vancouver Canucks set a club record for most power play goals in a season when Stan Smyl and Ivan Hlinka scored in the first period en route to a 6-3 triumph over the St. Louis Blues.

Marcel Dionne set a NHL record for the most seasons with 40 or mre goals as the Los Angeles Kings scored a 5-3 win over Boston. And center Keith Action scored his 17th and 18th goals ad the Montreal Canadiens produced one of their finest defensive efforts of the season to a 6-1 victory over the Ouebec Nordinies.

Kneteman triumphs BEZIERS, France Feb. 23 (AFP) — Ger-

rie Kingteman of the Netherlands won the "Tom Mediterranean" cycle race here Tuesday.

Kneedian led the field home in the final leg, the day's second half-stage, a 23 km circular side starting and finishing here, to overtake the previous leader, his compatriot Stephen Rooks.

Recording to settle for third place as comments robbed him of second place.

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S 1361 S 1361 S 1361 S 1561 S 1661 S 1661 S 1661 Phoenix 112, Backs 185: Walter Davis scored 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter to power Phoenix over Milwaukee. Davis also hit a jumper at the buzzer ending the third period to give the Suns an 87-83 lead.

Souics 117, Clippers 101: Gus Williams scored 27 points and Lonnie Shelton 21 as Seattle easily defeated San Diego, Fred Brown had six points as the Sonics scored the last nine points of the third quarter to take an 86-70 lead into the final period,

Nets 111, Pacers 108: Albert King led New Jersey with 26 points, including a 12-foot baseline jumper with 23 seconds left that lifted the Nets past Indiana.

Warriors 109, Hawks 97: Joe Barry Carrou scored 26 points and sparked a 29-10 run

past Atlanta.

Bullets 99, Jazz 98: Jeff Ruland scored 31 points and Washington survived a last-second scare to beat Utah. The Bullets led 99-96 when John Drew, who paced the Jazz with 26 points, missed a three-point field goal attempt with seven seconds left.

Knicks 166, Mavericks 166: New York's Bill Cartwright rebounded a missed shot and slam-dunked it for the winning basket with six seconds left against Dallas. Cartwright climaxed a furious fourth quarter that had three lead changes and 11 ties.

trail Blazers 113, Rockets 107: Jim Paxson scored 28 points and Portland beat Houston despite a spurt of 22 straight points by the Rockets.

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All-England Open

Top spots for Forst, Ailing

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — All of last year's champions will be back to defend their titles in this year's All-England Open Badminton Championships which will be held at the Wembley Arena here from March 23 - 27.

The champions are Denmark's Morten Forst in the men's singles, China's Zhang Ailing in the women's singles, Malaysia's Sidek brothers, Razif and Jalani in the men's doubles, and England's Martin Dew and Gillian Gilks, in the mixed doubles.

Morten Forst and Ailing have been given top places in the singles but the top spots in the doubles have all gone to other teams. Thus, in the men's doubles, Sweden's Thomas Kihlstrom and Stefan Karlsson, have been given pride of place while the Sideks are only seeded three.

In the women's doubles, England's Gilks and Gillian Clark have surprisingly been preferred to another English pair, Nora Perry and Jane Webster, who hold the world title, and to the holders, the Chinese getting only third place.

In the mixed, the new combination of Tomas Kihlstrom of Sweden, and Nora Perry, of England, are seeded No. 1 ahead of the title-holders.

Several stars will be missing from this year's "All-England". They are Jan Jian of China, one of the outstanding players of the Thomas Cup. and Fleming Delfs of Denmark, as well as the Indonesian pair of Tjun Tjun and Wayudi, who won the men's doubles title no less than six times. It is believed that the Indonesians, as well as some of the Chinese, are being kept at home preparing for the World Championships in May at Copenhagen.

The Wembley tournament used to be considered the unofficial championship of the world until the advent of the official world tournament, and the London even now has to take second place, although an All-England title is still coveted.

The Seedings:

Men's Singles: 1. Morton Forst (Denmark), 2. Liem Swie King (Indonesia).
3. Ieuk Sugiarto (Indonesia), 4. Luan Jin (China), 5. Prakash Padukone (India), 6. Chen Changjie (China), 7. Misbun Sidek (Malaysia), 8. Li Yongbo (China).

Women's Singles: 1. Zhang Ailing (China).
2. Li Ling Wei (China). 3. Han Aiping (China), 4. Lene Koppen (Denmark). 5. Wu Jianqui (China). 6. Xu Rong (China). 7. Wu Dixi (China). 8. Kirsten Larsen (Denmark).



Clerc, McNamara axed on a day of surprises

DELRAY BEACH, Florida, Feb. 23 (AP)

— Upsets continued in the opening round of
play in the \$300,000 Gold Coast Cup Tennis
Tournament as Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina
and Peter McNamara of Australia were
eliminated Tuesday night.

Clerc, ranked No. 3 in the tournament and fifth in the Nisdorf world computer ratings, was beaten by southpaw Van Winitsky 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in a contest interrupted twice by downpours. McNamara, seeded eighth, lost to Peter Fleming 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

In other Tuesday matches, Johan Kriek, the No. 7 seed, disposed of Hans Gildemeister of Chile 6-1, 6-4. Bill Scanlon, breezed past Marcos Hocevar of Brazil 6-4, 6-4. Dominique Bedel of France turned back

Honda set for Formula One racing with dashing 'spirit'

WYLLOW SPRING, California, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Japanese constructors Honda are set to return to Formula One racing after 15 years when the new "Spirit" car with a Honda turboengine competes in the Belgian Grand Prix on May 22.

The British-based Spirit team started operations only last year, when they won the European Formula Two Championship with the aid of Honda engines. The success convinced them to move up to Formula One and Honda agreed to back them.

The team's three founders, Gordon Coppuck from McLaren, John Baldwin from Lotus and former March engineer John Wickham, immediately set about designing a new car around Honda's engine and to comply with modified Formula One rules. The Spirit squad arrived in America about three weeks ago, after several weeks' successful trials on British circuits.

Drivers Thierry Boutsen of Belgium and Stefan Johansson of Scandinavia have taken turns at daily practices on the riverside and Wyllow Spring circuits in California. Boutsen, speaking before leaving for Tokyo to seek extra sponsorship, said: "We have done 1,000 kilometers with each motor Honda has provided, and nothing has gone wrong with any of them.
"It is not definite yet, but we hope to race

in Belgium at Spa on May 22. There will be one car, and I will be the driver," the Belgian said.

The names of the team allowed to compete in this year's Formula One World Champion-

ship will be announced by the International Auto-Sport Federation (FISA) on Feb. 28. Spirit could still enter some Grand Prix as a non-championship team. even if they are not involved in the world title chase. Honda's

own Formula One team raced for five seasons

from 1964, winning the Mexican Grand Prix

in 1965 and the Italian in 1967. They withdrew from the world championship after French driver Jo Schlesser died when his Honda crashed and caught fire during his first Formula One race, the French Grand Prix at Rouen in 1968.

The Japanese firm returned to Formula Two racing in 1980, by supplying engines to the Ralt stable. The following year Ralt won the European title and in 1982 Honda decided to extend their involvement by supplying both Ralt and Spirit. Jo Schlesser's nephew Jean-Louis Schlesser will compete in Formula One events for the first time this year. He has signed with March to drive in the European Grand Prix.

Meanwhile, Didier Pironi, the French racing driver whose legs were crushed in an horrific accident before the West German Grand Prix last August, hopes to return to Grand Prix competition before the end of 1983.

Pironi, 30, underwent another operation in Paris Tuesday, when surgeons aimed to free the movement of his right ankle and to examine the tibia bone in the same leg. He will need at least one more operation, for a bone graft on the tibia, before he can walk normally or drive a non-automatic car.

Peruvian Pablo Arraya 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Tom Gullikson conquered Balazs Taroczy of Hungary 6-3, 7-6. (7-4).

Hungary 6-3, 7-6. (7-4).

Meanwhile, top-seeded Jimmy Connors, playing almost flawless tennis, overpowered Sammy Giammalva 6-2, 6-3, in the \$255,000 Congoleum Classic.

In another first-round match, secondseeded Yannick Noah of France downed West Germany's Damir Keretic 6-1, 6-2. Noah is the tournament's defending champion. Fifth-seeded Brian Gottfried became the third upset victim among the event's top eight

seeds, losing 7-5, 6-2 to Robert Van't Hof.
On Monday, seventh-seeded Brian
Teacher lost to Chris Dunk, and No. 8 Mel
Purcell fell to Drew Gitlin. Also posting victories Tuesday were fourth-seeded Eliot
Teltscher, who beat Bruce Foxworth 6-3,
6-4; and No. 9 Heuri Leconte of France, who
downed Stan Smith 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

The tournament runs through Sunday and carries a \$32,000 winner's prize. The runnerup will receive \$16,000.

In Oakland, California, unseeded Anne Smith and Sandy Collins upset seventh-seeded Barbara Potter and eighth-seeded Yugoslavia's Mima Jausovec respectively to advance in the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of California Tournament. Smith defeated Potter 6-3, 7-6, while Collins beat Jausovec 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

In other matches, Anne White downed Ginny Purdy 6-4, 6-2; Andrea Temesvari of Hungary outlasted Carling Bassett of Canada 7-5, 6-4 and Kathy Jordan rolled past Eva Pfaff of West Germany 6-1, 7-5. The tournament will run through Sunday, with \$30,000 to the singles winner.

A strong forehand powered unseeded Laura Arraya of Peru over top-seed Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa in the first round of the \$50,000 Ginny of New Jersey Tournament in Ridgewood.

Fairbank, rated 17th in the world, never found her footing against the hard-hit ground strokes of Arraya, whose world ranking is 72nd, the final score was 6-3, 6-2.

In other matches, Vicki Nelson, defeated

Lea Antonopolis 6-3. 6-2; Alycia Moulton downed Sue Rollinson of South Africa 6-1, 6-0.

All for the sake of a net!

KUWAIT. Feb. 23 (AP) — Vitas Gerulaitis coasted to an easy victory over Klaus Eberhard of West Germany Tuesday as the first round singles matches were almost completed at the Kuwait Marriott International Tennis Open.

The "almost" occurred because the match between Ilie Nastase (Romania) and Zoltan Kuharsky (Switzerland) was interrupted by a broken net. causing postponement of the match until Wednesday. Kuharsky was serving in the second set.

leading in the match 6-1, 3-2. Vijay Amritraj (India) led off the day's matches with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Christ-

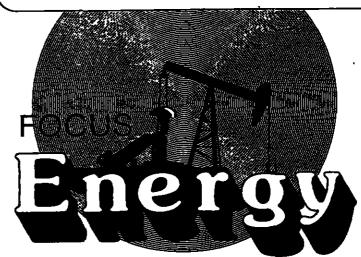
matches with a 6-4. 7-5 win over Christophe Freys (France) displaying the smooth
strokes and style which he is bringing back
to the ATP tournament circuit after last
year's layoff. In other actions, Czech Limor
Pimek rallied past Brad Drewett 3-6, 6-3,
6-4. Swede Magnus Tideman blasted
Argentine Carlos Castellan 6-0, 6-3, and
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Frenchman Jean Piacentile 6-2, 6-0.

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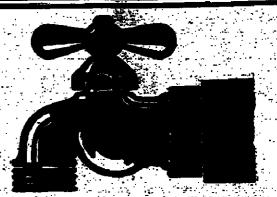
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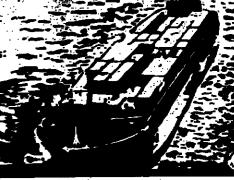
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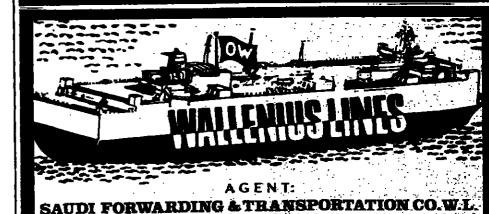
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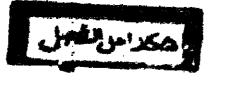
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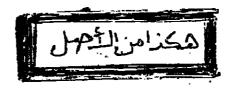
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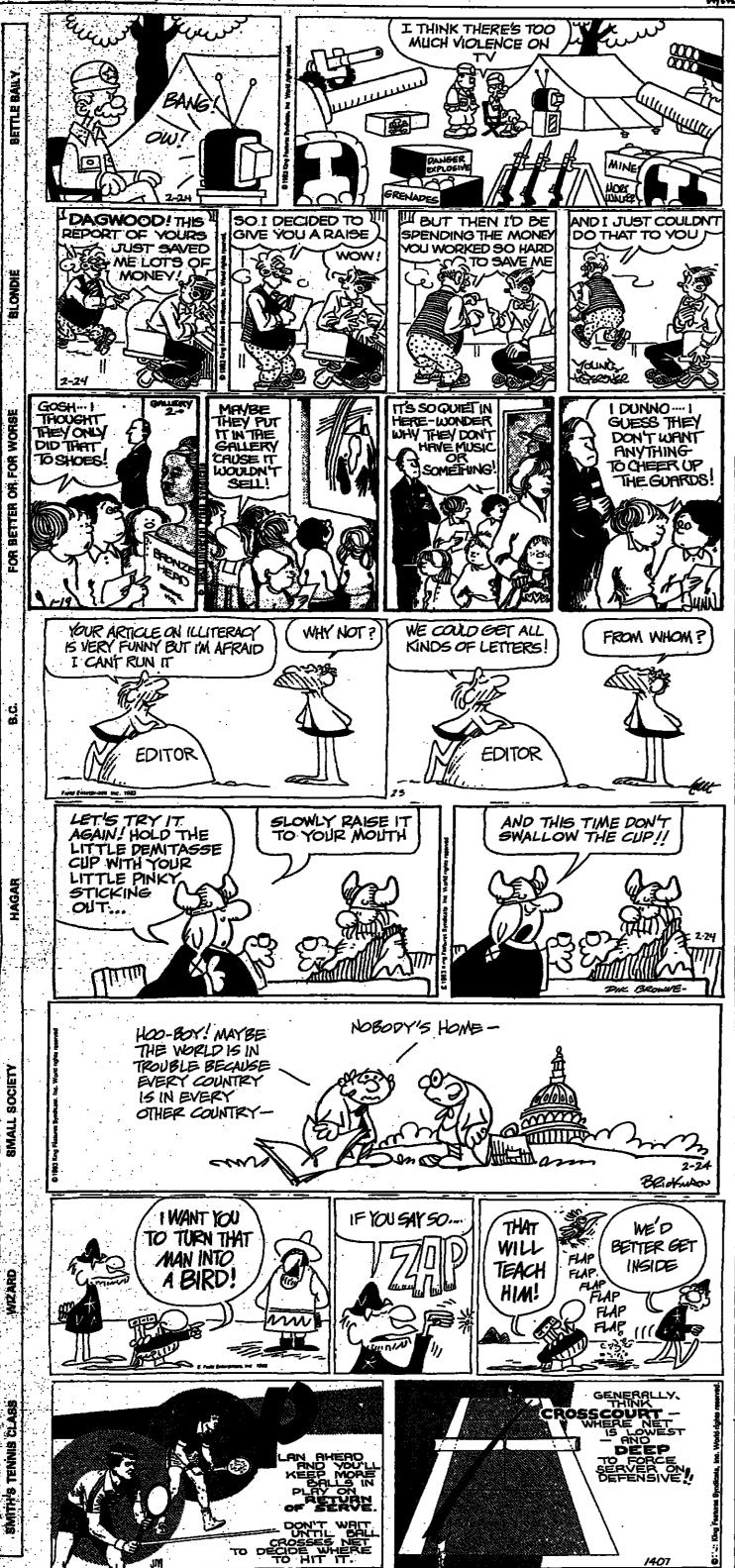
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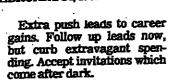
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AXYDLBAAXR One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters. apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

CRYPTOQUOTES TBWCQH MBAA EFTH KGQXEC CG

19 Hateful person 27

of Ceylon

23 Not willing

22 Vessel

JG MBCE HFLH. BC JHYFKJL F WGQXE FKJ CEGWKN RFCE

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN A HABIT IS FORMED, CON-

SCIOUSNESS ONLY INTERFERES TO SPOIL OUR PERFOR-MANCE OF IT.-W.R.INGE

Contract B. Jay and Steve Becker

Sylvia Strikes a Telling Blow

EAST

♣J10987

♥52

ΦA

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable

NORTH **◆**AQ52 **10643**

WEST **4**43 ♥KQJ864 **◊J75 4**83

♣QJ652 SOUTH ♠K6 ♥ A 109 **♦KQ982 4** 1094

The bidding: South West North 10 Pass 3NT 1NT Opening lead — king of hearts.

When Sylvia first joined the club she created a tremendous stir. All of us had met all kinds of bad players, but Sylvia was something different. We thought we had seen mistakes of every type at the bridge table, but it remained for Sylvia to show us what a hollow existence we had led.

Nevertheless, Sylvia had what might be called a saving grace. Every once in a while she would dream up an absolutely bizarre bid or play that would work like a charm and utterly devastate the opposition.

I was kibitzing Sylvia one day when she held the East hand. In an effort to probe the workings of her mind, I had made it a practice to sit thought that if I could fathom her style I might get better results both with and against

Her partner led the K-Q of hearts, which held, and then another heart. I was busy trying to guess whether Sylvia would discard a spade or a club, and also which card in either suit she would select. I hadn't completed my thoughts when all of a sudden Sylvia discarded the ace of

diamonds! An extraordinary sight now greeted my eyes. I had never until that moment understood what was meant by the spectrum, but all at once it became crystal clear. There were the seven colors of the rainbow appearing one after another on West's face — as well as a

few I had never seen before.

Not only that, but his mouth kept opening and closing as if he were trying to say something - but no words came out. He had been struck speechless.

The hand ended in complete silence. South had only eight tricks and went down one.

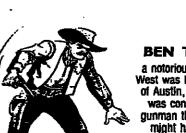
Had Sylvia made any other discard, South would have made four notrump!

Roses Believe It or Not!

NELSON ROCKEFELLER who became Vice Presiden

of the U.S. and was four times elected Governor of New York, as a child suffered from dyslexia (reading everything backward) and had such poor grades that despite his illustrious name, he was

REJECTED BY PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. But he graduated from Dartmouth with honors and a Phi Beta Kappa key



BEN THOMPSON a notorious outlaw of the Old West was hired as city marshal of Austin, Texas, because he was considered a deadlier gunman than any criminal he

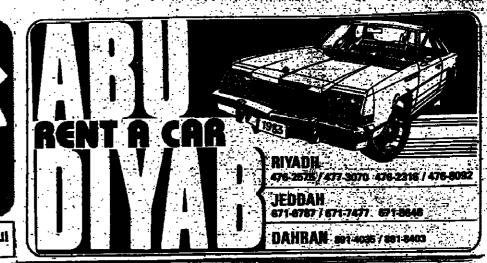
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From Cambodia

Vietnam announces partial withdrawal

HANOI, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Leaders of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam on Wednesday announced an annual partial withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia in view of "an improvement in security" in that country, at the end of a two-day Indochinese summit in Vientiane.

The meeting which began Tuesday in total secrecy was the first summit between the three countries since Communist governments came to power in 1975.

However, Hanors 150,000 to 180,000 soldiers would remain on Cambodian soil as long as China continued to be a threat, informed diplomatic sources in Hanoi said.

The Indochinese countries issued a communique listing conditions for a total withdrawal: An end to the Chinese threat, an end to the use of Thai territory by the Cambodian resistance and of aid to the resistance movements and the guaranteeing of Camboda's borders after peace.

Cambodia and Vietnam have agreed that partial withdrawals should take place every year on the basis of the development of Cambodia's security, the sources said.

The first withdrawal would take place this year, the countries decided, but the exact date, venue and number had yet to be specified. News of the proposed withdrawals was contained in two declarations adopted by the summit on the "presence of voluntary troops from Vietnam in Cambodia."

In Bangkok, Thai Foreign Minister Sithi Sawetasila expressed doubt on future partial withdrawals of Vietnamese troops from

Speaking to press, Air Chief Marshal Sithi Sawetasila said Vietnam had announced a partial withdrawal last year, but fighting continued to rage on the Thai-Cambodian border with Thai military reports suggesting that Vietnamese troops had been strengthened and equipped with better weapons.

"From the reports we received and from what they (Vietnamese) say, I cannot tell if this (withdrawal) is true," he added.

Ustinov alleges war threat

Soviets can build any weapon

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Soviet defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov said Wednesday the Soviet Union had the ability to build any sort of weapon and stressed the need for troops to be trained to handle complicated modern arms.

"The ability to hit the target with the first shot and to make the best use of mobility.

Japan reports Russian buildup

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (R) — A significant Soviet military buildup is under way in the Far East, Japanese Defense Minister Kazuo Tanikawa told a parliamentary committee Wednesday.

Speaking at an ad hoc security affairs committee meeting he said the Soviet Union had deployed between a quarter and a third of its nuclear and conventional strength in the Far East, including SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles.

"There is a marked increase in activity by Soviet forces in the Far East, increasing the potential threat," he said Japanese defense sources said recently that the Soviet Union had deployed about 90 SS-20 missiles in the Far East.

Tanikawa reaffirmed Japan's opposition to a Soviet plan, announced last year, to transfer some of its Europe-based SS-20 missiles to Siberia if an agreement was reached for reduced missile deployment in Europe.

firepower or other qualities of the weapon have become top priorities today," Marshal Ustinov said in an article in the official daily

No one should think the Soviet Union's disarmament proposals were a sign of weakness, he said. Moscow faced strong, technically well-equipped Western forces but the level of development of the Soviet Economy and science made possible the production of the most complex military technology.

"Our country is capable of producing any sort of weapon on which the enemies of peace care to wager, whether it be an MX missile. Cruise missile or any other sort of military machine," Marshall Ustinov said. The article was published to mark Soviet Army and Navy Day; the 65th anniversary of their founda-

Marshal Ustinov said the level of military preparedness of Soviet troops was a matter for unceasing effort. "Only then will no event catch us unawares." he said. No effort was spared on the part of every member of the forces to keep up to date with the techniques of modern warfare.

Marshal Ustinov accused the United States and its allies of increasing the risk of nuclear warfare. The threat of war, "above all nuclear war," is increasing through the fault of imperialist circles of the U.S.A. and its allies," Ustinov asserted.

"In such conditions, the Communist Party is taking necessary measures to ensure the security of the country and heighten the vigil-ance of the Soviet people," he said in the traditional anniversary "order of the day" published in Soviet newspapers.

Tribals' fear led to Assam massacre

GAUHATI, India, Feb. 23 (R) — Fear among Indian tribesmen that Bangladeshi immigrants were taking over their land led to last week's violence in central Assam in

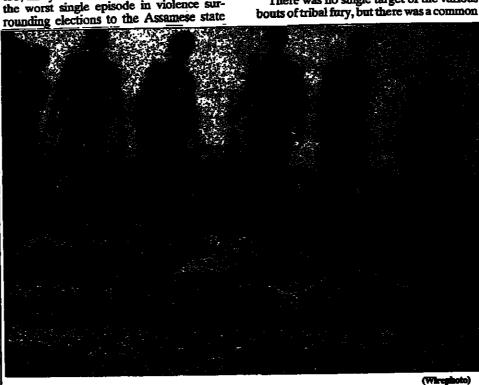
which at least 500 villagers died.

The slaughter around Nellie, in the central Nowgong district of Assam also resulted partly from fears that a militant ethnic Assamese campaign against immigrants would one day engulf the tribes people too, analysts said. The Nellie massacre was the worst single episode in violence sur-

assembly which were opposed bitterly by anti-immigrant Assamese.

Although many people in the three-week violence died in Hindu-Muslim clashes and when police fired on attacking crowds, the most numerous and gruesome killings were by tribesmen. A few days before the Nellie incidents, tribal groups in a different part of the Brahmaputra River Valley massacred an estimated 100 Hindu Assamese around

There was no single target of the various



INNOCENT VICTIMS: Paramilitary forces locate a woman with her baby lying dead in a paddy field in Nellie village in the northeastern state of Assum after the carnage of Saturday.

Angola, S. Africa confer again

JOHANNESBURG. Feb. 23 (Agencies) South African and Angolan delegations met in the Cape Verde Islands Wednesday for talks on the conditions for peace along the troubled Namibian (Southwest African)-Angolan border. Foreign Minister Pik Botha

He was answering questions about the long-awaited second meeting between the two countries following talks in Cape Verde on Dec. 7. Botha said the South African delegation would return home before the end of the week.

The South African delegation is led by the director general of foreign affairs. Hans van Dalsen, assisted by the ambassador to the United States, Brand Fourie, other foreign affairs department officials, and members of the South African defense force. An Angolan delegation led by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Venancio de Moura arrived in the Cape Verde Islands on Tuesday.

The talks are taking place against a background of fighting in northern Namibia, where the South African defense force says it has killed 129 members of the black nationalist Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) who infiltrated the territory from Angola. Two defense force men have died in the operations.

producers with heavy debts like Mexico. Venezuela. Nigeria and Indonesia.

The dollar traded at 2.4280 West German

marks compared with Tuesday close of 2.4097 marks, while it also gained ground

against the Swiss franc and the Japanese yen.

dollar but gained against other European

currencies after its sharp losses Tuesday. It

Sterling, meanwhile, slipped against the

The first round of talks between South Africa and Angola took place on the Island of Sal in Cape Verde on Dec. 7, when the Pretoria team headed by Botha himself.

The opposition Rand Daily Mail said Wednesday that the decision not to send a cabinet minister to the renewed talks was regarded by some observers as a sign of South African anger at the opening of a new offensive by SWAPO in northern Namibia.

Botha said last week chances for a ceasefire on the Namibia border with Angola had dimmed in light of "recent events."

The aim of the latest round of negotiations is for a ceasefire agreement in the region. h would not only bind the South Agrican troops and SWAPO but also the South African-backed Angolan UNITA guerrillas fighting the Luanda regime.

The ceasefire would be a prehide to that called for in United Nations Security Council resolution 435 on Namibia, and would have an experimental value in order to re-establish the mutual confidence which is presently lacking between Pretoria and Luanda, according to Botha. The foreign minister also said that SWAPO's agreement was not indispensable to the arrangement between South Africa and Angola.

Rain ends bushfires

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 23 (AP) — Heavy rain from overnight thunderstorms helped extinguish all but one of the remaining bushfires still burning a week after they swept through southeastern Australia killing 71 1 persons.

feature, an assertion of the right to remain

in one place after being driven from area to

demand of militant Assamese for the evic-

tion of all encroachers on government and

reserve forest land. This was aimed at immigrants from Bangladesh, but once

enforced it would have affected particularly

Kachari tribesmen settled on forest land

The Kacharis' decision to back the Plain's

Tribal Council of Assam (PTCA) in con-

testing the elections, which were bovcotted

overwhelmingly by Assamese Hindus,

increased tension. There was also hostility

to the PTCA demand that areas occupied

by tribal groups, mainly remnants of the various Mongol tribes from Central Asia,

Assam's original area has already been split into five states since India became independent in 1947.

In Nowgong district the Lalung tribes-

men, who resented immigrants being given

government land on the foothills of the Mikir Hills, had offered to support the anti-

immigrant movement in return for their

The two million tribes people in Assam

share the sense of alienation from the rest of

India felt by tribes in other parts of the

Three other northeastern states, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur, have been

plagued by bands of insurgents staging hitand run raids on security forces and other targets, often seeking refuge afterward in

the jungles of neighboring Burma.

The sense of alienation is partly because

the entire northeastern region is connected

with India only through a narrow strip of

land called the Siligun Neck. Between the

northeast and the rest of India lies Banglad-

should separate from Assam.

own autonomous district.

sensitive northeastern region

Analysts said their fear was fed by the

area for years.

around Gohpur.

Lightining strikes Tuesday afternoon lit more fires but these were quickly put out by heavy following rainstorms. Accompanying winds unroofed houses and caused flash floods, the country fire authority said. The rain lasted about an hour.

As Victoria and South Australia began burying their dead, the Victorian state gov-ernment Wednesday ordered all buildings to fly the national flag at half-mast in honor of

Among those buried in Victoria were John Merrick, 29, and Ann-Maree James, 27, who were to have been married last Saturday. They died in each other's arms in a storm water drain where they sought shelter.

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Cheysson to brief

ROME, Feb. 23 (R) - French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson will brief his Italian counterpart Emilio Colombo on his recent meeting with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov during talks here Wednesday, an Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. In Moscow earlier this week, Cheysson

became the first senior Western official to hold formal talks with the new Soviet leader since Leonid Brezhnev died in November. Cheysson is due to arrive here Wethersday evening shirt his talks with Colombo are expected to go on late into the night. He will

leave Thursday morning.

The Italian government's determination to site U.S. Cruise missiles in Sicily has put the country in the front-line of an arms country

country in the front-line of argains control propaganda war between Andropov and U.S. President Ronald Reagan.
Cheysson's lightning visit was erranged last week when Colombo accompanied Prime Minister. Aministore Estitain and Italian economic ministers on a two-day visit to France, the ministry spokessions said.
French President brancois Ministrand has urged NATO to go ahead with siting 572 new medium range nuclear ansaiks in five Western European countries including Italy.
France is not part of NATO's achitary command.

Cheysson's talks in Moscow covered East-West disarmament negotiations and

East-West disarmament negotiations and France's independent nuclear strike force, which Soviet leaders insist should be considered as part of NATO's amount.

Soviet Spain relations, also strained by recent Italian media allegations of Soviet involvement in the May 1981 attack on Pope Iolia East, were aggravated hat week by the arrest of a Soviet citizen for spying.

The main an employee of the Soviet airline Aeroffor in Rome, was the first Soviet citizen to be arrested in Italy on explosure charges.

Aeronor in Kome, was the life Surject of the Aeronor in Italy on espenage charges. Suspected spies are usually expelled. In another development involving the Soviet Union, Prints, Minister Nikolai Tikhonov and Greek President Communities Kuitmannis communed on international and bilinteral issues in Athem on Wednesday.

Afghans demonstrate NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (AFP) - Hun-

dreds of Afghan refugees staged a demonstration here. Reesday to protest the invitation to the Kabal government to next month's nonaligned sammit here. They burned a Rusman flag outside the Soviet House of Culture on their way to the demonstration.

The leaders of the Afghan refugees said they also planned to stage a demonstration on the opening day of the summit March 7 unless the invitation to the Karmal regime was with-

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producers because of Nigerian oil is of a ing for a price cut; but within the framework of OPEC. "We are trying to reach an agreehigher grade and its sales are expected to grow at the expense of other producers. ment to prevent a price war." It was clear from the two-day consultations

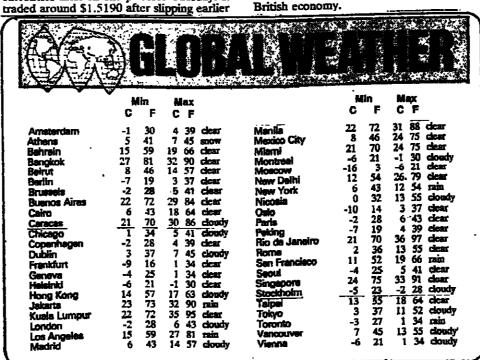
Such a war became imminent last week that the UAE and Qatar were strongly in when Britain, extra-OPEC producer slashed favor of defending the Gulf interests and cut the price. even if there is "a possibility of a its price by \$3.5 a barrel; a decision followed by Nigeria, a fellow OPEC member, which price war." Oteiba said. Taqi of Iraq said trimmed its price to \$29.5 below the official that, "the current \$34 bench marker price is OPEC price of \$ 34 a barrel so as to compete no longer feasible, yet every one is trying to reach an agreement." with the North Sea producers. The Nigerian decision represents a real danger to the Gulf

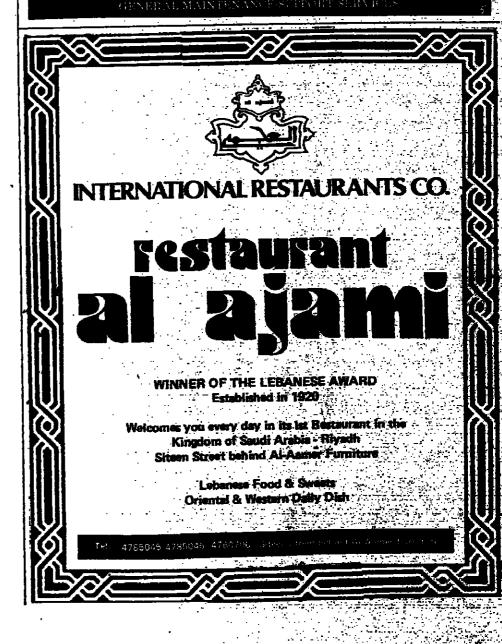
Gold impact it would have on the economies of oil

to 1.5133 compared with \$1.5217 at the

London close Tuesday.

The Bank of England's trade-weighted index. a basket of currencies of Britain's major trading partners with a 1975 base of 100, closed Wednesday at 80.1 compared with Tuesday's four-year low of 79.7. Trading in sterling has been erratic as dealers tried to assess the effects of oil price cuts on the British economy.





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